



Keeping You “In the Know...” 2/2/18

CSC Receives Gift to Establish New Client Assistance Fund:

- CSC received a \$50,000 gift this week from the Estate of Brian L. Heyman for the establishment of the Heyman Empowerment Fund. Brian Heyman was a member of CSC’s Board of Trustees who passed away in 2015. He joined the agency’s board in 2012 and served on the agency’s Budget and Finance and Client Services Committees. The Fund will be used for the benefit of prospective clients who have requested services from CSC but have yet to be formally approved by Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), previously known as the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission and Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (RSC-BSVI), to engage clients in rehabilitation activities in a more timely manner and eliminating a barrier Brian experienced when trying to obtain services.

Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Local Author/Writer Annie Hogsett visited CSC this week for a tour of the agency. Her book, Too Lucky to Live, featured a main character who is blind, and she wanted to learn more about the types of programs and services offered by CSC.
- Tom Sawyer and Alicia Howerton met with representatives from the Ohio Library for the Blind & Physically Disabled to discuss assistive technology and opportunities to partner and collaborate to provide more to clients.

- Desmond Kennedy had visits with the staff at Ohio Eye Care Consultants, LLC in Medina and the staff at Lakeland Eye Surgeons and Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye Institute in Lorain this week.

What's Happening at CSC:

- The following note was received by the CYAS team this week:
-“Dear Early Intervention Team, I can’t even begin to thank you for all you have done for Johnny and our family. You all have been such an invaluable resource for me, not to mention the friendship and support you have shown me. Thank you, thank you, thank you! This is not goodbye, we intend to give back to CSC EI as much as we can and hope to see you at all the functions!
Much love, Steve, Morgan, Johnny”
- Did you know that February is National Therapeutic Recreation (TR) Month? To celebrate, the team is kicking off the month by highlighting the newest TR client! The client started weekly sessions with the TR Department to work on his goal of improving his short term memory. This client has worked on a series of programs that involve short term recall and problem solving, such as adapted Sudoku and tangram puzzles. Recently, the client was asked to use Morse Code patterns as part of a program, and he revealed that he used to know the whole Morse Code alphabet. After practicing it several times with the TRS, the Client reported going home and setting up his old radio, which he’s been using to send messages ever since! Client has reported feeling an increase in confidence since he has started attending programming. Happy TR Month!
- February’s Job Club meeting will be on Thursday, February 15th from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in CSC’s Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium and will feature guest speakers Andy Moses and Tesa Taylor, Hiring Recruiters from the Revenue Group. They will provide information about customer service positions in their call center and discuss their hiring process. Attendees should bring resumes and dress

professionally. For more information, contact Nicole Kahn (216-791-8118).

- Winter Weekend at Highbrook Lodge takes place the weekend of February 23rd – 25th. Campers will arrive to Highbrook Lodge at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening and depart at noon on Sunday. Cost of the weekend is \$65/camper. Transportation to/from CSC is provided for an additional \$15/camper. To register please call the Camp Department (216-791-8118).
- Save the date for these upcoming CYAS events:
 - BLAST event on Saturday, February 24th (contact Kristen Callahan 216-791-8118 for more information)
 - Spring Fling on Saturday, March 24th at CSC (contact Lorie Marsalis 216-791-8118 for more information)
- Volunteer Sylvia Morrison is a Radio Reader and a Cleveland resident who lives in the Naples, Florida area during Cleveland's cold winter months. Thanks to technology and an iPhone application suggestion from David McKee, she is able to continue her weekly volunteer readings of Newsweek and People magazines from the Sunshine State!

Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week: All about Magnification!

- Although the Eyedeas Shop has over 900 products, their main "focus" is magnification. The shop carries all types of magnifiers. The selection includes pocket size, handheld, stand and even tabletop magnifiers. Some feature LED lights, some are electronic and some are traditional glass. They range in price from \$10.50 through \$3,795.00. Even if you just need a stronger pair of "readers", the store has strengths from +1.50 through +6.00. So if you're struggling to see that computer screen or even just the label on the medication you take, or of course those tax forms coming up, "readers" may be a simple solution. The price for a pair of readers is \$10.00.



Variety of magnifiers available in the Eyedea Shop

- Can't make it to the Eyedea Shop at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at www.eyedeashop.com and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

Items of Note:

- February is Low Vision Awareness Month!
- In observance of Low Vision Awareness Month, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP), in partnership with the Library of Congress' National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), reminds the public about the U.S. Currency Reader Program, which provides assistive technology at no cost to eligible applicants. The currency reader, called iBill®, is a small handheld device that denominates all U.S. currency in circulation to assist people who are blind or visually impaired.

The iBill® operates in one of three modes: a clear natural voice, a pattern of tones or a pattern of vibrations for privacy. The vibration mode also assists people who are deaf and blind in identifying a note's denomination. The device uses a single AAA battery, which is included. To request a currency reader, individuals should complete

the application located on BEP's website at <http://www.bep.gov/uscurrencyreaderform.html> or call (844) 815-9388, toll free, to request that an application be mailed.

BEP also offers two mobile device applications that denominate currency by allowing users to scan a note and have the note's value communicated, EyeNote® and the IDEAL® Currency Identifier. EyeNote 3.0®, our latest release, is 64-bit and compatible with Apple iOS 11 mobile applications; it can be downloaded free from the Apple App Store. The IDEAL® Currency Identifier app for Android devices can be downloaded free from Google Play. To date, there have been more than 50,000 downloads of BEP-sponsored mobile applications.

For additional information about the ***U.S. Currency Reader Program*** or our mobile apps, please visit BEP's website at <http://www.bep.gov/resources/meaningfulaccess.html>.

Did You Know?

- Punxsutawney Phil is the name of a groundhog in Punxsutawney, PA. On February 2 (Groundhog Day) each year, the town of Punxsutawney celebrates the legendary groundhog with a festive atmosphere of music and food. During the ceremony, which begins well before the winter sunrise, Phil emerges from his temporary home on Gobbler's Knob. According to the tradition, if Phil sees his shadow and returns to his hole, he has predicted six more weeks of winter-like weather. If Phil does not see his shadow, he has predicted an "early spring." Phil saw his shadow this morning, predicting six more weeks of winter. But don't worry; spring is just around the corner on Tuesday, March 20th!

Did You Know? Part II

- Super Bowl Sunday is the second largest day of food consumption, just behind Thanksgiving. Americans will eat around 90 million pounds of chicken wings and 69.6 million pounds of avocados.