



Keeping You “In the Know...” 3/11/16

CSC Receives Grant from GPD Group:

- CSC received a \$20,000 grant from The [GPD Group Employees' Foundation](#), a consortium of employees from different companies that formed in 2014 to have a vehicle for giving back. The group's vision is “to make a difference in the lives of children” and their mission is “to encourage the enrichment of the public education experience for K-12 students and to support children with medical and special needs.” The grant dollars will support CSC's [Early Intervention](#) program.

Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- On February 23rd, two consultants from Ernst & Young, LLP visited CSC for a tour and review of the Call Center. The consultants, from Washington, DC and Texas and each with more than 15 years of experience with call centers across the United States, came away impressed with CSC. [Larry Benders](#) and [Jassen Tawil](#) hosted the visit which included a review CSC's operations and capabilities. In a thank you email the consultants said “It is truly amazing the operations that you are running at the (Cleveland) Sight Center.” Congratulations to all associated with the [Call Center](#) for this acknowledgement and the continued high quality work being done daily!
- On Monday, [Megan Koeth](#) presented information about CSC and volunteer opportunities to a class at Cleveland State University. [Megan Koeth](#) attended Bryant & Stratton's volunteer fair on Wednesday to recruit for CSC's programs. On Wednesday, [Lisa Cellura](#) visited the French Creek YMCA Active Older Adults program and presented the “[Aging Eye](#)” program.

- CSC's [Southwest Florida Event](#) is today Friday, March 11th in Bonita Bay, Florida, near Naples. The event will highlight CSC's success over the past year and gives the agency an opportunity to tell our story to our friends in Florida. The evening will also feature the "[Aging Eye](#)" program. [Larry Benders](#), [Marcia Houston](#), [Bill Spiker](#), and [Lisa Cellura](#) will represent the agency in Florida, which will also include visits to donors and friends of the agency throughout the state.

Ramping up for Highbrook Lodge:

- Experience the magic of camp at [Highbrook Lodge](#) this summer! [Highbrook Lodge](#) utilizes the benefits of the natural environment to promote friendship, growth, independence, and self-sufficiency through traditional camp activities adapted to the needs of campers. CSC is currently accepting applications for ALL summer camp sessions! [Highbrook Lodge](#) has something for everyone – preschool, youth, and adult sessions; day trips or overnight programs! View the [camp schedule here](#) or contact [Lindsay Lowe](#) (x4596) for more information!



Campers in the woods with a teepee made of branches and cloth

- Spend your summer making a difference in your community. [Highbrook Lodge](#) is currently hiring for a variety of summer staff positions! Recruitment is currently underway for Cabin Leaders (counselors), Nature Leader, Lifeguards, Kitchen Assistant, Media Specialist, and a Registered Nurse. Full job descriptions and

applications can be found online at <https://csccamp.trackingtalent.com/opportunities>. Share these job opportunities with family, friends, and business associates!



Four staff members standing on a fallen tree branch above the lake

Walking Club and Winner's Club:

- Volunteers from St. Albert the Great Parish joined the [Walking Club](#) at Edgewater Park on Saturday. The [Winner's Club](#) enjoyed their monthly gathering at CSC on Tuesday for a celebration of Black History Month (February) and St. Patrick's Day (March). The group of nearly 50 was treated to a 12-song performance by the [Braille Notes Choir](#).



Walking Club and volunteers



Braille Notes Choir performs for Winner's Club



Braille Notes Choir soloist performs

CYAS Activities:

- As part of activities to celebrate National Reading Month, CSC President [Larry Benders](#) visited [Bright Futures Preschool](#) on Tuesday to read to the youngsters, donning his “Cat in the Hat” red and white hat.



Larry reads to preschoolers



Preschoolers practice their “roar”



Larry talks with the preschool class



Preschoolers' faces under "Cat in the Hat" hat

- Do you shop at Giant Eagle? Help Bright Futures Preschool earn funds! Join Giant Eagle's Apples for the Students program. It's free and easy!
 - **Giant Eagle – Apples for the Students – Shop. Scan. Support CSC's Bright Futures Preschool.** This program is a great way for our preschool to earn funds for our school's overall educational needs. Is your Giant Eagle Advantage Card[®] registered? Now's the time to check. All you need is our school code **5788** to verify a card or register a new card.
 1. Visit www.gianteagle.com/AFTS.
 2. Enter your Giant Eagle Advantage Card[®] number (which appears under the bar code).
 3. Enter the school code 5788
 4. Done! Please encourage your extended family and friends to register too.

Every time you scan your Giant Eagle Advantage Card at Giant Eagle or Get Go, our school earns points which translate into a cash donation!

Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week:

- This week's featured product in the [Eyedeas Shop](#): Ott Lite Refresh. Think green, think St. Patrick's Day, think spring with this fresh,

modern lamp available in fun creative colors including green. The light features a handle for easy transport and is powered by opening or closing the shade.

Product Information:

Max. Height: 17.5"

Min. Height: 11.25"

Base Diameter: 4.5" x 3.75"

Weight: 2.43 lbs

Cost: \$55.00



Ott Lite Refresh in light green exterior color

- 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!

Consumer Council to Host Technology Fair:

- The [Consumer Council](#) will host a [Technology Fair](#) at CSC on Thursday, April 28th at CSC from 11:00am – 3:00pm in the [Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium](#). CSC is proud to host this event, which will showcase a variety of vendors representing low vision and blindness-related products. Vendors will be on site here to answer questions, conduct breakout sessions to hear in-depth information about specific products, and demonstrate products up close. An informational flyer is

now available to pass along to clients, friends, and business associates. For more information on the [Technology Fair](#), contact [Anthony Easley](#) (216-791-8118).

New Addition to the Transportation Department:

- The [Transportation](#) team welcomed a new arrival to its fleet last week – a 12-passenger van. The new van is funded by a recent grant from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) and provides another vehicle for school transportation and other agency activities.



Side view of van with CSC logo



Back view of van with CSC logo and "School Transportation" sign

Items of Note:

- The [Facilities](#) team created a new parking area for motorcycles between the garage and the lawn on the northeast side of the property.



Motorcycle parking area with sign and parked motorcycle

- The 60th Annual Midwest Bowling Tournament will be hosted by the Greater Cleveland Blind Bowlers League on March 18th, 19th, and 20th. The tournament will be held at Freeway Lanes located at 12859 Brookpark Rd. in Parma, OH 44130. Sighted pin spotters and volunteers are needed for all of the listed bowling times during the tournament. Throughout the tournament, there will be a variety of exciting activities available to bowlers, including a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, an on-site shirt maker, a live DJ, and a liquor basket fundraiser. Bowlers will have a variety of opportunities to engage in social activities and mingle with other bowlers. Come out to Freeway Lanes in Parma, OH to cheer on and support the bowlers. The Greater Cleveland Blind Bowlers League is asking for assistance and donations for the Silent Auction and Raffle Baskets. If you are willing to make a donation or if you are interested in volunteering for the tournament please contact [Wilbert Turner](#) (216-791-8118) or [Andrea Marley](#) (216-791-8118).
- Local Lions Clubs are collecting items to create Military Care Packages for service men and women over the next week. Items requested include letters/cards (strongly encouraged), phone cards, crystal light,

gum, mints, candy, jerky, packaged cookies, toiletries, foot powder, hand sanitizers, dryer sheets, combs, hand lotion, tissues, bakery, and anything else you can think of to boost morale. Items can be given to [Sylvia Snyder](#) before Friday, March 18th.

- [Click here](#) for an article on local volunteers who help raise and socialize puppies who will eventually become guide dogs.
- Toyota is known for being an automaker but the company is tackling a different kind of mobility by showing off a new device that could allow people who are visually impaired to better navigate their surroundings. The gadget, currently called Project BLAID, can be worn around a user's shoulders and uses cameras to detect their surroundings. It then helps provide navigation assistance through speakers and vibration motors. [Click here](#) for the full article.
- This weekend marks the return of Daylight Saving Time – remember to set those clocks ahead one hour early Sunday morning!

Did You Know?

- In 2010, CSC adopted an evidence-based model for vocational services called “[Supported Employment.](#)” The effectiveness and efficiency of our program has set CSC apart from various competitors and resulted in partnerships with area companies to provide employment opportunities for people who are blind, have low vision or other work-limiting disabilities.