



## Keeping You “In the Know...” 3/25/16

### Strategic Planning Committee Meets:

- The [Strategic Planning Committee](#) met earlier this week, which discussed the survey results provided by CSC Staff and members of the Board of Trustees. Thank you for your input and continued interest as the committee considers this extensive feedback.

### Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- [Lisa Cellura](#) and [Alicia Howerton](#) hosted two classes of occupational therapy students from Cleveland State University on Wednesday for tours and an overview of the agency. [Erin St. Denis](#) addressed the group on CSC’s occupational therapy services and [Mary Jo Chisnell](#) discussed rehabilitation services. Other groups that visited the agency this week for tours and information included technicians from Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye Institute and a group from Westfield Insurance. Thanks to Board Trustee [Mike Weissman](#), who on a recent flight, talked about CSC’s programs and services to fellow passengers. The passengers visited the agency this week for a tour, agency information, and stop in the [Eyedea Shop](#).
- Mara Byers, Caseload Assistant from Akron OOD (Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities) and Heather Mauk, Northeast Ohio Business Sourcing Analyst from OOD Lakewood met with [David Magyar](#) and [Alexis Vickers](#) to learn more about CSC job opportunities in the [Call Center](#). They also toured the agency.
- Learn about CSC’s latest employment partner – Saver’s/Unique Thrift. As a result of [Carlton Toppin’s](#) job development, the thrift store

has hired five CSC clients! [Click here](#) for a recent write-up from cleveland.com featuring Saver's District Manager Matt Moore. Matt is committed to working with CSC's [Employment Department](#) as a referral source for qualified applicants. Saver's is also a valued member of [Employment Department's Stakeholders Committee](#). As you get into "spring cleaning" mode over the next few weeks, don't forget to donate your items to Saver's!

- Coming soon to all Winking Lizards – menus in Braille with Large Print! The [Braille Department](#) recently completed this request for the restaurant chain and we commend Winking Lizard for being proactive and reaching out to CSC to have their menu made accessible for all locations.
- CSC partners again this year with the Cleveland International Film Festival. This year's sponsored film is titled "Notes on Blindness," a documentary about a man's journey into the profound impact this sensory loss would have on his work, his family, and his new relationship to the existence that had so abruptly been altered. Showings are scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> (4:00pm) and April 7<sup>th</sup> (2:15pm) at Tower City Cinemas. For more information, [click here](#).



Community Partner logos for Cleveland International Film Festival

**Volunteers are Golden!**

- National Volunteer Week is April 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>! CSC will honor and recognize our invaluable volunteers with events and activities all week, with the [Volunteer Appreciation Dinner](#) slated for Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at CSC. The event will be from 5:30pm – 7:30pm with doors opening at 5:00pm. Staff that work directly with volunteers are encouraged to attend as we say thank you to our volunteers for their service. Staff wishing to work the [Volunteer Appreciation Dinner](#) should obtain permission from your supervisor. Any questions about Volunteer Week can be directed to [Megan Koeth](#) (216-791-8118).

### Springing into Action in CYAS:

- A group of nearly 150 clients, families, and friends enjoyed the festivities at Saturday's [CYAS Spring Fling](#) event, complete with arts & crafts, snacks, games, egg hunts, and a visit with the Bunny. Thanks to all staff and volunteers who participated in preparation, set-up, and the day's activities to ensure CSC's young friends had a special day. The event was picked up by the website of Cleveland 19 News, [click here](#).



Lorie Marsalis with the Bunny



Youngster places treat-filled eggs in the bag



A young guy places a raffle ticket in the bag craft



This little guy is all smiles as he displays his frog

- The [CYAS Department](#) is offering a [Braille Basics](#) seminar to the families and friends of our youngest clients. The program will be four sessions held on Wednesday evenings beginning May 4<sup>th</sup> at CSC from 5:30pm – 7:00pm and goals include:
  - 1) An introduction to the wonderful world of Braille – a tactile system of reading and writing for people who are blind or have low vision.
  - 2) To experience the Perkins Brailier – the starting point for assistive technology for Braille students.
  - 3) To provide activities and strategies to stimulate and support your child in this route to literacy.
  - 4) To expose attendees to some of the many types of devices that produce Braille.

There is no cost to the sessions but enrollment is limited. To register or for more information, contact [Sylvia Snyder](#) (216-791-8118).

### [Eyedea Shop's Featured Product of the Week:](#)

- This week's featured product in the [Eyedea Shop](#): Rainbow Color Reader II. The Rainbow Color Reader II speaks all the colors of the rainbow, clearly & accurately in a female voice. Small & easy to use, it will fit in a pocket or as a keychain with its multicolored ribbon. Identifies over 40 different colors, it provides accurate color discrimination without confusing the user with odd color names or vague descriptions of the color. Not just for clothing, this handy

identifier will be useful when shopping, traveling, etc.

### **FEATURES:**

Single button operation

Requires one AAA battery (included)

Conveniently small; only 1.6 inches wide, 2.6 inches long & .6 inches thick.

Belt/Pocket clip included

Offers four volume levels

Also acts as a light detector

Price: \$130.00



Rainbow color reader with keyring attachment

- Please note the [Eyedea Shop](#) will be closed for inventory on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>...no fooling.
- Can't make it to the [Eyedea Shop](#) at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at [www.eyedeashop.com](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 attached to pass along to clients, friends, and business associates. For more information on the [Technology Fair](#), contact [Anthony Easley](#) (216-791-8118).

### Items of Note:

- Good nutrition is important to keep your eyes healthy and functioning their best throughout your lifetime. Two very important eye nutrients that may reduce your risk for macular degeneration and cataracts have names you may not be familiar with: lutein (LOO-teen) and zeaxanthin (zee-ah-ZAN-thin). [Click here](#) to read more.
- The date for Easter is different each year. The Council of Nicaea in the year 325 created a mathematical formula to standardize the celebration date. Since then, Easter has been celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the spring season. If the full moon falls on a Sunday, Easter is celebrated the week after.