



Keeping You “In the Know...” 4/12/19

CSC Receives 2019 Gold Seal of Transparency from GuideStar!

-Congratulations to CSC for achieving the 2019 Gold Seal of Transparency on GuideStar, the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. Timely and accurate information about CSC can now reach 10+ million annual visitors to GuideStar. Plus, there are tens of millions who use the more than 200 charitable websites that share GuideStar's data including: AmazonSmile, Facebook, and Network for Good among others. To view CSC's profile page on GuideStar, [click here](#).

Don't Miss “A Night at the Races” to benefit Cleveland Sight Center!

-Friends of CSC the Delta Gamma Cleveland East Alumnae host “A Night at the Races” to benefit Cleveland Sight Center this weekend! This fun event will be held Saturday, April 13th in CSC's Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. Tickets are \$35 each and include dinner. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m. To buy tickets, [click here](#).

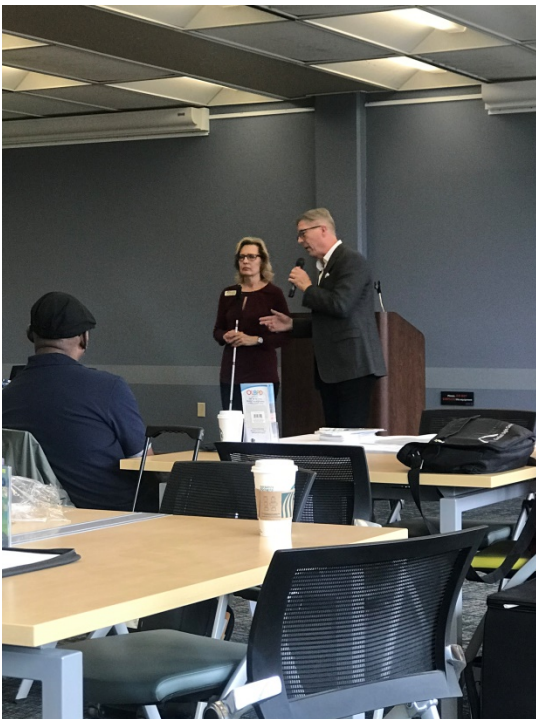
Strengthening Partnerships and Educating the Community:

-CSC hosted a large group of students from Cuyahoga Community College on Wednesday, April 10th for a “Day with CSC” to learn about the agency, programs and services. This is the second “Day with CSC,” building off the success of the November 2018 event. The students who participated are currently in areas of study including Optical Technology and Early Childhood Education.

-The Outreach team spent time this week at the Medina County Department for Older Adults, where they presented a hybrid talk to the “Friends in

Focus” low vision group meeting. They also shared the CSC message and an agency update with alumnae of the Delta Gamma Fraternity. A group of 20 DG alumnae were very engaged and amazed at the breadth of work CSC continues to do and intends to invite CSC back in the near future for a talk about vision health. Outreach also represented CSC at the Medina County Senior Services Network meeting at Danbury Senior Living in Brunswick, made a presentation about CSC at Swagelok in Solon and attended the Eldercare Professionals of Ohio (EPO) meeting at Danbury Senior Living in Broadview Heights.

-CSC and the Outreach team hosted a teacher and students from Washington Park Environmental Academy this week for a tour and interaction with some clients. The students created a sensory garden for people who are blind or have low vision and wanted feedback on their efforts. They were so engaged and amazed that they want to volunteer and have interest in exploring career paths in area of vision rehabilitation.



Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer speak at a recent outreach presentation



Audience members at a recent Kent State University event listen to the CSC message

-The sisters of Delta Gamma at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) will hold a “Pancake Night for Sight” at their Delta Gamma house on Thursday, April 18th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Attendees will enjoy pancakes and also learn how Cleveland Sight Center provides programs and services to individuals who are blind or have low vision. Melissa Mauk will be on hand at the event to engage participants in various activities and answer questions about CSC. Some clients who participate in CSC’s recreation programs will be attending for an engagement experience to further build the partnership between Delta Gamma, CSC and the CWRU campus community. For more information about the evening, [click here](#).

What’s Happening at CSC:

-The Children & Young Adult Services (CYAS) Department hosted their annual Spring Fling event on Saturday, April 6th at the agency for the families of CSC’s very young clients. Attendees enjoyed arts and crafts, games, snacks and hunting for treat-filled eggs. Thanks to all staff and volunteers who supported the event through preparation, set-up, day-of activities, raffle items and purchases of raffle tickets!



A youngster plays with a sensory board



A little one reaches for a green plastic egg



A boy smiles as he holds a bag filled with treat-filled plastic eggs

-Students in Bright Futures Preschool have begun their horseback riding lessons and enjoyed a visit and story reading from rangers from the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.



Preschool students inside the stables at Fieldstone Farms



A preschool student brushes a horse inside the stable



Preschool students listen to the rangers read a story

-The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held at CSC on Thursday, April 25th. The event will be from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and doors will open at 5:00 p.m. Invite or encourage volunteers you work with to attend CSC's "Snacks and Facts" sessions, where attendees can grab a snack to meet other CSC volunteers and staff, try out low vision tools and complete a task wearing low vision simulators.

Tuesday, April 23rd 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24th 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 25th 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

-Save the date: Bright Futures Preschool graduation will be Thursday, May 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium at CSC.

-Save the date part two: Winners Club will meet at CSC on Thursday, May 30th and will feature a performance by the Music Group that meets at CSC on the first and third Tuesdays (4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.) of every month. For more information on both Winners Club and Music Group, contact Alicia Howerton (x4587).

Eyedeas Shop's Item of the Week:

-It's finally coming...spring is here and it's getting warmer. Before we know it, summer will be here and the sun will be out more than not! Get a new pair of sunglasses at the Eyedeas Shop. Please don't "squint" – it can cause wrinkles and interferes with your field of vision. The Eyedeas Shop offers polarized sunglasses to help with the glare and glasses that fit over prescription glasses as well. Choose from different colored lenses and many different styles. Price start at \$18.00 so stop on in and check out some new shades!



Image of various sunglasses on display in yellow, brown and black



More sunglasses on display – brown lenses and black lenses

Item of Note:

-Vision Rehabilitation Therapist Awareness Week will be observed the week of April 14 - 20 to commemorate Anne Sullivan's birthday, on April 14, 1866. Anne Sullivan, a pioneer of the vision rehabilitation profession, was the teacher who worked closely with Helen Keller, to develop the skills Keller would later use as an international lecturer and advocate for individuals with vision and hearing loss.

Sullivan, a graduate of the Perkins School for the Blind, began working with 7 year old Helen in 1887 as a Home Teacher, the original occupational title for the profession now called Vision Rehabilitation Therapist (VRT). Just as in Sullivan's career, today's VRTs often travel to their client's homes or workplaces for training.

Today's VRT most often holds a Master's level education, and additional national certification (CVRT) to meet established professional standards. For well over a century, as Home Teachers, Rehab Teachers, and now Vision Rehabilitation Therapists, VRTs provided the primary rehabilitation skills training for individuals experiencing blindness or vision loss. VRTs

work with clients on:

- adapted daily living skills;
- communication (including braille when needed);
- low vision devices;
- using assistive technology (AT) such as computer and tablet screen readers or screen magnifiers;
- adapted leisure activities and sports.

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