

## Keeping You "In the Know..." 4/15/16

## Register for White Cane Walk:

• This year's White Cane Walk is Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Legacy Village. The event will again feature the White Cane Walk, a 5K Run, and NEW THIS YEAR, a 1-Mile Stroll!!! Registration is now open for all components of this fun-filled, educational, fundraising, and outreach showcase of CSC! Click here to register and don't forget to start your own fundraising team as well! For more information, contact Steve Frohwerk (x4562). Way to go Board Trustee and White Cane Walk Committee Chair Mike Weissman and CSC staff members Jennifer Dean, Steve Frohwerk, and Kevin Krencisz for already setting up fundraising teams!



White Cane Walk event logo

# Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

 Executives of Eaton Corporation visited the agency on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> for a tour and meeting with Bill Spiker. On Wednesday, Lisa Cellura, Alicia Howerton, and volunteer Mike Musgrave visited St. Barnabas School in Northfield, where they presented adaptive sports programs.



Lisa, Alicia, and Mike address the assembly



Lisa, Alicia, and Mike with CSC banner

- Members of the Delta Gamma sorority at Case Western Reserve University visit the agency on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> to conduct some "spring cleaning" for the CYAS department, focusing on the therapy room, preschool, and Early Intervention room.
- Anthony Easley and Marjorie Pyles-Hearst present CSC's partnership with Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) at the 2016 Stronger Together Conference on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, focusing on the positive impact of partnerships. CSC and the Tri-C ABLE program offer classroom instruction to students who are blind or visually impaired. The variety of accessible accommodations and resources make this a successful program. The creative instructional techniques used can be adapted for learners of all levels.

## Ongoing Education for Highbrook Lodge:

Last week Camp Manager Lindsay Lowe and summer staff Program
Coordinator Stefan Wickli attended the 24th Annual Mid States Camp
Conference in St. Charles, Illinois, where they participated in a
multitude of educational sessions and keynotes over the three-day
conference as well as had the opportunity to network and share best
practices with other camp professionals. A highlight of the conference

was listening to the closing keynote address by "Kid President" creator - and Camp Director - Brad Montague. Lindsay and Stefan are looking forward to bringing some of the information learned at this conference to camp this summer!



Stefan and Lindsay in front of the "Big Ideas" sign



Lindsay and Stefan with Brad Montague

#### Thank You Volunteers:

CSC's 557 volunteers contributed 17,733 volunteer hours in Fiscal Year 2015...a value of over \$409,000! THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS! CSC honored and recognized our invaluable volunteers with events and activities all week, culminating with the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Thursday evening. Thanks to all staff who helped make this dinner and week so special to the volunteers. Do you have volunteer needs for an upcoming project? Let an amazing volunteer help! Contact Megan Koeth (216-791-8118) to arrange a project or become a volunteer.



Board Chair Tom Furnas shares a laugh with volunteers



Volunteers fill the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium



Larry Benders welcomes the volunteers

## Eyedea Shop's Featured Product of the Week:

- This week's featured product in the Eyedea Shop: G2 Gel Ink Pen.
  This black ink pen is retractable, refillable, writes in 1.0mm bold, and is
  a replacement for the Impact Gel Pen. The G2 Gel Ink Pen is only
  \$2.50 and refills are \$4.00. Stop by today for this great writing tool!
- Can't make it to the Eyedea Shop at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at <a href="www.eyedeashop.com">www.eyedeashop.com</a> and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

## For Your Entertainment and Enjoyment:

- InnerVision, a group of talented musicians who are blind from Westerville, Ohio, will perform at the Philomatheon Society of the Blind in Canton on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Come spend time with Genene Blackwell (keyboards & vocals) and Sam Shephard (vocals, harmonica, guitar, and trombone) as they put their own spin on both classics and original tunes. Doors open at 5:00pm with music from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. The event is open to the public and will be held at 2701 West Tuscarawas Street, Canton, OH. Free will donations will be accepted.
- Staff and clients of CSC are invited to attend Case for Sight's Distinguished Lecture Series on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, where Dr. Geoffrey Tabin will speak on "Impossible Dreams The Ascent of Everest and Eradicating World Blindness". Dr. Tabin was named an "unsung hero" in 2009 by the Dalai Lama for dedication to eradicating unnecessary world blindness and implementing a model for sustainable ophthalmic care in the developing world. As the cofounder of the Himalayan Cataract Project, Dr. Tabin is a world leader in Global Health. The lecture is free and begins at 5:30 pm in the Thwing Ballroom at Case Western Reserve University. Please email <a href="mailto:cfsexec@case.edu">cfsexec@case.edu</a> with any questions.



Case for Sight promotional flyer for April 19<sup>th</sup> lecture

 Cleveland State University art students and CSC will present "Exploring Sensation," a juried exhibition designed to bring art into the world of those who are blind or have low vision. The Opening Reception will be on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. Introductory remarks about the exhibit will be made at 6:30pm. Viewing hours for the artwork are 4:00pm – 7:30pm on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and 11:00am – 4:30pm on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend this free event. For more information, contact Desmond Kennedy or Steve Frohwerk at 216-791-8118.

## Items of Note:

- The Consumer Council's Technology Fair will be Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at CSC from 11:00am 3:00pm in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. For more information on the Technology Fair, contact Anthony Easley (216-791-8118).
- The next gathering of the Job Club will be Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 11:30am in the Library Conference Room at CSC. The group will discuss "Financial Basics" with guest presenter Sharron

Murphy-Williams, Founder and Executive Director of the Phe'be Foundation, a non-profit organization that teaches financial literacy education to members of our communities. Topics to be addressed include:

- How to manage your current income and create a budget
- How and/or why to open bank accounts
- What to expect in a paycheck from your employer

For more information on the Job Club, contact Nicole Kahn (216-791-8118).

- Mike McManamon participates on a panel at BlueBridge Network's Nonprofit IT Innovation Summit III on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Cleveland Museum of Art. The focus of the discussion will be "Investing In and Taking Advantage of the Digital Age".
- The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees is Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Corporate College East from 5:30pm 7:30pm. This year's Annual Meeting will be an evening reception and will feature progress the agency has made over the year. In addition, those members of CSC's Foresight Society will be recognized. The Foresight Society was established to honor all those who have made the commitment of an endowment gift, established a life income plan, or have made provisions in their estate plans to benefit CSC. For additional information on the Annual Meeting, contact Steve Frohwerk (216-791-8118).
- There is a new Bonus Offer in effect for the Labels for Education UPC program. For just 5 UPCs, Bright Futures Preschool can receive 50 points. Please bring any UPCs to Lorie Marsalis in CYAS or put them in the container in the Employee Hub, where a list of eligible products is posted. This offer must be mailed in before May 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for remembering those labels as we earn important funds for Bright Futures Preschool!



Labels for Education logo

#### Did You Know?

 Anne Sullivan is known worldwide as the teacher and companion to Helen Keller. However, many don't know that Sullivan herself was visually impaired. An eye infection left her nearly blind at the age of 8, although she later regained some vision after a series of operations.