



Keeping You “In the Know...” 5/18/18

Walk with CSC on June 2nd!

- Don't forget, **WHITE CANE WALK** will once again be held right here at CSC on Saturday, June 2nd! Register to walk, join a CSC staff member's or Board Trustee's team or create your own a team (adults \$15 includes event t-shirt; children 10 and under are free) at www.whitecanewalk.org. White Cane Walk is CSC's annual event to raise critical dollars needed to support our mission and raise awareness of our agency and the services we provide.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Register to walk, join a CSC staff member's team or create your own a team! Share the event with everyone you know! Spread the word on social media, send emails to friends and share the event brochure with others. Can't make it on June 2nd? Please consider a donation to this year's CSC team.

If you have any questions or would like help setting up a team please contact Steve Frohwerk (x4562 or sfrohwerk@clevelandsightcenter.org).

Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- The third Thursday in May is recognized as Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD), which was this week on Thursday, May 17th. The purpose of GAAD is to get everyone talking, thinking and learning about digital (web, software, mobile, etc.) access/inclusion and people with different disabilities. To learn more about Global Accessibility Awareness Day, [click here](#).

- Local development firm Hyland Software held a Global Accessibility Awareness Day at their campus in Westlake on Thursday, May 17th. The event featured two presentations by Jennifer Dean and Randy Knapp. The first presentation focused on the user experience for those who are blind or have low vision and the second presentation featured elements of design and function. Topics covered included functional design, choosing colors for contrast and style and accessibility. The software developers and user experience staff members at Hyland also experienced interactive technology stations hosted by Alicia Howerton, Tom Sawyer and Steve Frohwerk.
- CSC, along with long-time donor Edna Strnad, hosted a Donor Reception for residents of South Franklin Circle in Chagrin Falls on Tuesday, May 15th. CSC was represented by staff members Larry Benders, Karen Hiller, Lisa Cellura, Alicia Howerton, Cathy Javorsky and Avenue, Jessica Polack and Tom Sawyer. Additional guests included past Board Chair John Saada and his wife Delores, along with many other former board members and current supporters of CSC. The guests enjoyed cookies and coffee as Larry spoke of the impact of their donations to CSC and Cathy shared her personal story. Following the reception, Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer presented their “Technology Tips Talk” that was open to all residents of South Franklin Circle.
- Scott Uhas, Director of Revenue at RTA and Allen Polly, Revenue Collection Specialist at RTA, stopped by CSC this week to meet with Scott Williams-Riseng and donate a fare box that is used on RTA’s transportation vehicles including buses, rails and larger Paratransit vans. The fare box will be used in Orientation & Mobility training with clients to understand and be familiar with how to insert money or fare cards when utilizing RTA’s transportation services.



Scott Williams-Riseng shows how to insert a fare card into the fare box as Scott Uhas looks on

- A group of over 40 volunteers from Progressive's Special Lines/IT Department helped out at Highbrook Lodge on Wednesday, May 16th with tasks including painting, yard and flower bed work, cleaning, window washing, paved path repair and more. This marks the fifth year in a row that the group has helped get Highbrook Lodge ready for the camp season! Members of the Special Lines/IT Department have also spent the past year hosting different fundraising events for Highbrook Lodge and presented a check for over \$3,000 at the end of their volunteer day! Thank you volunteers!



Group photo of Progressive volunteers on the lawn at Highbrook Lodge

- The CSC Visionaries held their second official meeting on Thursday, May 17th. They discussed the structure of the group, their role in CSC's standing events, planned a CSC Awareness Happy Hour scheduled for August 9th and set up a CSC Visionaries Facebook page. Members of the Visionaries will be attending White Cane Walk so be sure to introduce yourself to these outstanding volunteers. If you know of anyone that may be interested in getting involved or leaning more about this group please put them in contact with Jessica Polack (216-791-8118).
- Lisa Cellura, Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer represented CSC at the Cuyahoga County Senior Center Knowledge Forum in Independence this week. Alicia and Tom attended the Boomer Bash in Westlake to network and distribute information on CSC. Desmond Kennedy met with staff at Louis Stokes Veterans Administration Hospital to talk about collaborating in rehabilitative services for their patients. Desmond and Laurie Schlickman represented CSC at Cleveland Clinic Children's Peds Study Group night this week to talk about Children's Services and CSC collaboration opportunities.

CSC's EMR Project Continues to Make Progress:

- The EMR project management team has been hosting weekly meetings with many users and stakeholders at CSC. The meetings

have been very productive and yielded great conversation and tremendous collaboration. The team continues to work intently with CompuLink on accessibility features of the modules as well as customizing various screens and workflows for users. While June 1st was a target date to begin the new system, that will be pushed back a few weeks as the team works on specific implementation needs and how to best onboard staff members, making sure there is adequate training, both online and in-person, in place.

From Your Friends in the Eyedea Shop:

- This week's product of the week is the "Sneak a Peek" cell phone mirror. "Sneak a Peek" at your face, teeth or makeup without anyone knowing ...anytime or anywhere. In a meeting, on a date or in a restaurant? This "Sneak a Peek" mirror attaches to the back of your cellphone case for discreet touch ups or a quick peek. The "Sneak a Peek" mirror for the cell phone is \$4.50.



Image of cell phone mirror

- The Eyedea Shop is in the process of making some changes on how technology demonstrations and sales of certain items will be handled going forward. Please refer all inquiries for software, IrisVision, CCTV, etc. and any other questions related to assistive technology products to Barbara Piascik in the Eyedea Shop.
- If you are or someone you know is an artist who is blind or has low vision, consider submitting artwork to grace the cover of some of the 2018 Holiday Cards. The requirements for this year's cards are as follows: artist must be blind or have low vision; two submissions per artist; if submitting in digital format, artwork must be 300 DPI, entry window is May 7, 2018 – August 10, 2018; submit entries to bpiascik@clevelandsightcenter.org. Cleveland-themed entries always do well. Any questions, please contact the Eyedea Shop (216-791-8118).
- 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:

- Highbrook Lodge camper spots are filling quickly as the team gears up for quite the 90th summer! A few staff members are still in need to help the team create a transformative summer for CSC's amazing campers. Do you or someone you know love helping others and being outside – AND looking for summer employment? Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind opportunity...for more information and to apply [click here](#). Please spread the word! The Highbrook Lodge camp team of Lindsay Svarovsky and Mollie Evans will officially re-locate to Highbrook Lodge starting June 1st.
- Youngsters in CSC's Bright Futures program have enjoyed activities the last two weeks including "Muffins with Mom" to celebrate Mother's Day, a field trip to the zoo and a cello recital by volunteer Mr. Jae, a student at Case Western Reserve University. Mr. Jae has been a long-

time volunteer in CYAS and is well loved by all the children. He is graduating from Case and we wish him well!



Muffins with Mom activities



Youngsters enjoy the zoo's carousel



Mr. Jae shows his cello to students



A student plays cello with Mr. Jae

- Thanks to Lorie Marsalis who again arranged for the doctors to visit CSC and check our working dogs' eyes and those staff members who took advantage of this annual check-up opportunity.



Guide dog gets his eyes examined

- A new Android app called Lookout, coming to the Play Store in the U.S. this year, helps people who are blind or visually impaired become more independent by giving auditory cues as they encounter objects, text and people around them. It works by wearing a Google Pixel device in a lanyard around the neck, or in a shirt pocket, with the camera pointing away from the body. After opening the app, and selecting a mode, Lookout processes items of importance in one's environment and shares information it believes to be relevant — text from a recipe book, or the location of a bathroom, an exit sign, a chair or a person nearby. Lookout delivers spoken notifications, designed to be used with minimal interaction allowing people to stay engaged with their activity. To read more, [click here](#).
- Car passengers who are blind or have low vision can now feel the view of passing scenery thanks to new technology from Ford, who has developed a prototype 'smart window' that uses vibrations to let a blind or partially-sighted person 'feel' a passing landscape. Called "Feel The View", it was dreamed up by Ford's Italian division in partnership with Aedo, a tech start-up that designs devices for the visually impaired. The system converts a visual image into vibrations of varying intensities so that a blind or partially sighted person can feel the landscape. To read more, [click here](#).

Did You Know?

- The word “SWIMS” upside down is still “SWIMS”.