



Keeping You “In the Know...” 6/24/16

THANK YOU for a Fantastic White Cane Walk!

- THANK YOU all Staff, Trustees, attendees, donors, and volunteers for your incredible support of this year’s [White Cane Walk](#), as we celebrated the wonderful agency that is Cleveland Sight Center, increasing awareness for our mission and raising important dollars for CSC! As of Friday morning, over \$86,000 has been raised for programs and services! Because of you, we are able to make a difference in the lives of clients who are blind or have low vision. THANK YOU!!! Donations will be accepted through June 30th; [click here](#) to make a donation and select “2016 White Cane Walk” in the drop down designation box.



Walkers ready for the 1 Mile Stroll, dogs included!



Group shot of volunteers and walkers



Board Trustees in front of the welcome sign



An O&M instructor leads white cane walkers



Susie Meles helps a participant pour water



Board Trustee and Event Chair Mike Weissman and wife Fran



Board Trustee Fred Jones with sighted guide partner



Slider and friend of CSC Ed Oberndorf raising cane

Educating and Engaging the Community:

- The Cohen Family Syndrome held their bi-annual conference at [Highbrook Lodge](#) from Thursday, June 9th through Sunday, June 12th, marking the group's third visit to CSC's camp in Chardon, OH. The parents attended informational sessions while [Highbrook Lodge](#) staff provided programming for their children. Some families resided onsite in cabins and in all, over 110 adults and children attended the conference. From Sue, mom of Beth, "I just wanted to thank you all for the tremendous experience (again!) that we had last weekend at the Cohen Syndrome conference. Beth (and all of the "kids") had a fabulous time with the counselors and it made Bob and I feel so relaxed and grateful that she was well take care of and having so much fun while we were inside. You are a special group of people, and we were lucky to be able to join you again this year."
- Early Intervention Specialist [Brenda Lammers](#) presented to the Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities Directors on Thursday, June 16th. Approximately 25 people attended and a thank you note received after the presentation stated "Just wanted to send a very special 'Thank You' for the presentation. It was great; everyone is still talking about it. I have traveled to other counties for in-services that were not this interesting. We discussed how these 'touch cues and activities' would work with our sighted children as well. Again, thank you, and keep us in mind when you are doing a class or in-service."
- [Lisa Cellura](#) conducted [Speakers Bureau](#) training for two new volunteers on Monday and [Alicia Howerton](#) provided a tour to a representative from Northfield Skilled Nursing Facility. On Tuesday, [Cathy Javorsky](#) and [Avenue](#) presented the "[What Do You Do](#)" program with [Bill Spiker](#) to the Learn N Grow Daycare Center in Parma while [Lisa Cellura](#) presented "[Blindness Basics](#)" to 60 volunteers with the Benjamin Rose Institute Senior Companion Program.
- CSC's [Employment Department](#) was invited to attend a Job Seeking Skills event hosted by General Electric (GE) on Tuesday, June 21st

through the Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga County. GE is looking to increase their disability awareness and provide education to individuals with disabilities currently seeking employment. In addition to a panel discussion, GE Human Resource Professionals, Recruiters, and Managers volunteered their time to review resumes and conduct mock interviews. Attendees also learned about employment opportunities within the GE organization. [Kanden Tolbert](#) represented [Employment Services](#) and supported several CSC clients at the event.

- CSC will participate in the upcoming Americans with Disabilities Act “ADA CLE Day” on Wednesday, July 27th at Wade Oval Wednesday (WOW) in University Circle. ADA Fest will be from 4:00pm – 6:00pm and will include activities and a resource fair. From 6:00pm – 9:00pm there will be a WOW! Concert featuring Mo Mojo & Zydeco and to conclude the evening, the movie Tomorrowland will be shown starting at 9:00pm. For more information, visit www.adacleveland.org.

Job Club Meeting:

- At Thursday’s [Job Club](#) meeting, Peer Mentor [Nicole Kahn](#), the [Employment Services](#) team, and [Job Club](#) attendees welcomed Curtis Scruggs from the Northeast Ohio Reentry Coalition. Several guests from Jewish Family Services Association also participated in the meeting as part of the Cuyahoga County Employment Collaborative. Mr. Scruggs discussed how individuals may address legal backgrounds as they apply and interview for jobs and ways that [Employment Specialists](#) and support staff may assist these individuals to become successfully employed. He provided helpful resources and answered many questions from clients, staff and guests. Save the date for next month’s [Job Club](#) meeting, which will be Thursday, July 21st at 10:00am in the [Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium](#).

Summer Programs in Full Swing:

- The participants in the [Summer Youth Work Experience \(SYWE\)](#) program continue their busy work this week. They worked at the American Red Cross, Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Botanical Gardens, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, and the Great Lakes Science Center. The group also went grocery shopping at Marc's on Monday, visited B. A. Sweetie's candy factory on Tuesday evening, stopped by Wade Oval Wednesday, and have visits to the Art Museum and the beach scheduled for later this week.

The Guide Dog Foundation (New York) visited CSC this week and presented an informational session about guide dogs to the [SYWE](#) teens on Thursday afternoon. They brought several dogs for the program participants to get a trial run/walk and mini grooming lesson.



SYWE participant vacuuming the CSC office



SYWE participant loads a box at the Food Bank



SYWE participants in power washing coveralls underneath Progressive Field

- The [Recreation](#) team's [Tandem Bike and Hike](#) program continues on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The group starts their trek at the Hunt House Visitor Center in Peninsula, Ohio and then rides either north or south on the Towpath Trail in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Below are images from last Saturday's outing. For more information, contact [Desmond Kennedy](#) (216-791-8118).



Tandem bikers side by side



Tandem bikers front and back

- Spots in the Geauga County Excursion Trip with [Highbrook Lodge](#) are still available! The trip takes place Monday, July 11th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Campers will visit the Amish Auction, the Middlefield Cheese Factory, and the Chardon Walmart. Campers will be assisted by summer staff for the day. Cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch and transportation from and back to CSC. Please inform interested clients to contact [Tamara Flowers](#) (216-791-8118) to register by July 5th.
- The annual "[See What's Possible](#)" workshop for teachers, educators, and those working with students who are blind or have low vision in the 2016-2017 school year is scheduled for Thursday, August 11th at CSC. The workshop will feature strategies, technology, and demonstrations. The program fee is \$25 and includes all materials, lunch, and certificate. Contact [Lorie Marsalis](#) (216-791-8118) to register or for

more information.

Item of Note:

- [Click here](#) for an article on the new Disney Movies Anywhere app, which provides a smart-syncing audio description of certain movies.

Did You Know?

- Did you know that Cleveland is a prime location for major motion pictures? Numerous movies have been filmed in Cleveland, including: The Deer Hunter, The Fortune Cookie, A Christmas Story, Light of Day, Planes, Trains & Automobiles, Antwone Fisher, Major League, The Shawshank Redemption, Men In Black, Double Dragon, Air Force One, Proximity, The OH in Ohio, American Splendor, Welcome to Collinwood, Spiderman 3, The Avengers, I, Alex Cross, Captain America: The Winter Soldier, Draft Day.