



Keeping You “In the Know...” 6/8/18

Over \$95,000 Raised at White Cane Walk! THANK YOU!!

- THANK YOU all Staff, Board Trustees, walkers, donors, attendees and volunteers for your incredible support of this year’s White Cane Walk, as we celebrated the wonderful agency that is Cleveland Sight Center, raising important dollars for CSC and increasing awareness for our mission! As of Friday morning, over \$95,000 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!!!

The agency was buzzing last Saturday as the White Cane Walk was held at CSC for the second year in a row. Many activities were featured on the grounds including learning stations and hands-on opportunities in the tents in the parking lot, white cane experience in the Empowerment Park, tours of the main building, face painting, balloon artists, games, music, dancing and tasty treats. Representative Marlene Anielski made a special appearance to talk about House Bill 587, a Bill she is co-sponsoring in the Ohio Legislature which will require white canes to be covered by Medicaid as durable medical equipment. Representative Anielski encouraged all attendees to contact their local legislators in support of this important Bill.

Another highlight of the morning was the one mile walk from CSC to the Wade Oval Lagoon featuring the beautiful sights, sounds and smells of spring. If you would still like to contribute to the fundraiser and help us reach our goal of \$100,000, donations will be accepted through June 15th, which is also the deadline for fundraising teams to qualify for this year’s incentives, including a paid day off for staff who qualify!



Group photo of Board Trustees in attendance and Larry Benders



Group photo of volunteers



Larry Benders welcomes walkers



Walkers listen to the opening announcements



Rep. Anielski speaks about House Bill 587



Slider and Moondog lead the walk



Walkers wave to the camera



Attendee tries the white cane experience



Attendees enjoy line dancing



Volunteers try to make a putt



Attendee gets instruction on bowling

Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Larry Benders and Alicia Howerton attended hearings of the House Health Committee at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus on Wednesday, June 6th where House Bill 587 was presented by co-sponsors Representative Marlene Anielski and Representative Darrell Kick. The bill sponsors shared the history of the white cane with the committee and asked for support of the bill, which would provide Medicaid coverage for white canes. We are hopeful the committee will hear the bill again in the coming weeks before summer recess and hear proponent testimony from supporters of the bill.



Rep. Anielski, Larry Benders, Alicia Howerton and Rep. Kick in the rotunda of the Statehouse



Alicia Howerton listens to testimony given by Rep. Anielski and Rep. Kick



Rep. Anielski and Larry Benders chat before the committee meeting

- CSC will be participating again in the annual “Parade the Circle” event on Saturday, June 9th in University Circle. Representatives of the planning committee for the event visited Fox 8’s Morning Show on Wednesday, June 6th to promote the event and had one of the news anchors try CSC’s art activity while under blindfold. To view the segment, [click here](#). For more information on Parade the Circle, contact Desmond Kennedy or Jessica Polack (216-791-8118).



Fox 8 newscaster completes a craft while blindfolded

- Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer visited with the Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled on Monday to talk about programs and services. On Tuesday, they met with staff at Right at Home to discuss giving “Tips Talks” in multiple locations and gave a “Tips Talk” at Harbor Woods in Brunswick. They continued the “Tips Talk” tour with a program at Twinsburg Senior Apartments on Thursday. On Saturday, Tom will attend the NFB Summit County Envision Seminar.
- Karen Hiller, Tom Sawyer and Desmond Kennedy met with and gave a tour to a group of developers from Hyland Software. The group came to CSC as a result of the collaborative Outreach and Accessibility event that CSC held at Hyland Software’s main campus in May. Nicole Kahn demonstrated JAWS for the group and tested JAWS on one of their programs. The group members were also able to listen in on a call in the Call Center.



Hyland Software team in front of the CSC's logoed lobby wall

- Desmond Kennedy visited the staff at Northern Ohio Eye Center in Parma Heights this week and attended the Retina Associates quarterly meeting at Airport Marriott, where they had over 180 eye care professionals in attendance.

From Your Friends in the Eyedea Shop:

- The Eyedea Shop carries many Eschenbach products including magnifiers and Max Computer and Max TV viewing glasses. Now Eschenbach offers a pair of clip-on Max TV glasses. Now you do not have to remove your prescription glasses to use the Max TV clip-on...simply clip them onto your spectacles and double the size of your TV screen! The clip-ons provide 2X magnification and come with a carrying case. The Eyedea Shop's price is \$175.00.



Max TV clip-on lenses with case

- The Eyedea Shop's clearance item this week is the "Genda" Talking Calendar. The Genda Talking Calendar will remind you of any important dates or appointments. It does need to be programmed with your personal information. Program it for birthdays, appointments and reminders. This item is not recommended for a person who is completely blind but it's a good product to consider for someone with some usable vision. The clearance price is \$30.00.
- 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:

- Please be aware as the repaving and construction around Chester Avenue continues there may be new hazards that occur from time to time. The crosswalk landings on the south side of Chester Avenue at E. 101st Street, that is the corners of where the cross walk in the road meets the sidewalks, have been dug up and are awaiting new concrete. There is a drop off of about a foot in depth that is not fully barricaded from pedestrian access. Please use caution or solicit assistance if needed when navigating this area. CSC's Facilities Department has talked with the work crew and asked that they pay special attention when possible.
- The CYAS department hosts their quarterly "BLAST" event for "tweens" with an event on Saturday, June 23rd, at Sweetie's Golf Land and Candy Warehouse. Mini golf, picnic lunch, ice cream, and shopping and scavenger hunt at the country's largest candy shop are on the schedule. For more information on the event or the "BLAST" program, contact Kristen Callahan (216-791-8118).
- Team VIPER (Visually Impaired People Enjoying Rowing) was recently featured by Channel 19. [Click here](#) for the online article.
- The North Union Farmers Market location at the Cleveland Clinic main campus opened this week. The market is open on Wednesdays from June 6th – October 17th and hours of operation are 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Did You Know?

- Ohio gets its name from the Iroquois word *ohi-yo*, meaning "great river" and Ohio didn't officially become a state until 1953. It was declared a state in 1803, but didn't get the presidential stamp of approval until President Dwight Eisenhower signed off. He back-dated the declaration to the original date.