



## Keeping You “In the Know...” 6/9/17

### Over \$109,000 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 \$109,000 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 first time. Many activities were featured on the grounds including tents in the CYAS parking lot, Empowerment Park and playground, tours of the main building, face painting, balloon artists, games, music, dancing and tasty treats...with a special appearance by Slider, the mascot of the Cleveland Indians! One of the highlights of the morning was the 1.25 mile walk from CSC to the Wade Oval Lagoon featuring the beautiful sights, sounds and smells of spring. Check out photos from the event on the agency’s media drive and below are some photos with captions. [Click here](#) for the folder on the media drive.

If you would still like to contribute to the fundraiser, donations will be accepted through June 16<sup>th</sup>, which is also the deadline for fundraising teams to qualify for this year’s incentives, including a paid day off and Amazon gift cards for staff who qualify! [Click here to make a donation](#).



Desmond, Alicia and Lisa lead the walk



Walkers head down the Chester Avenue sidewalk



A team of walkers in yellow shirts walk



Puppy raisers and dogs lined up for the start of the walk



Susie Meles helps a youngster pour water



Desmond Kennedy shows off his hula hoop skills





Youngsters in front of the lagoon stop for a photo



Slider with three puppies



Participant tries the bowling activity



Sign indicating the \$100,000 goal has been reached

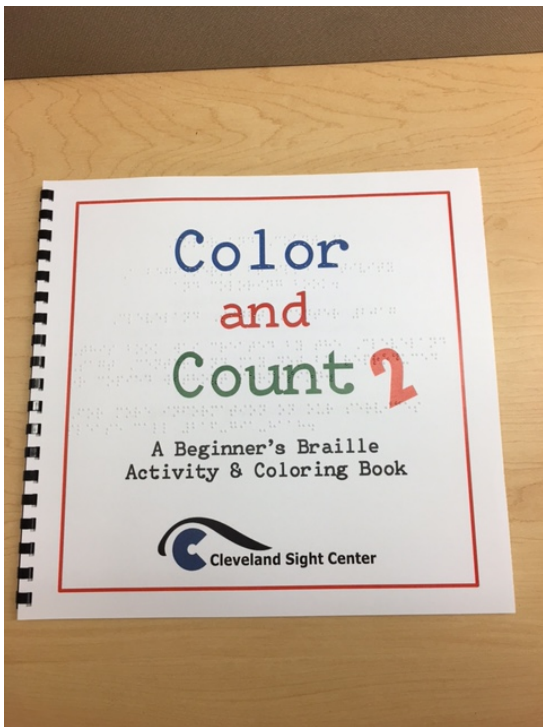
## Educating the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Desmond Kennedy visited the BraeView Care & Rehabilitation Center in Euclid on Tuesday and represented CSC at the Arconic Cleveland Works' health and wellness fair yesterday.

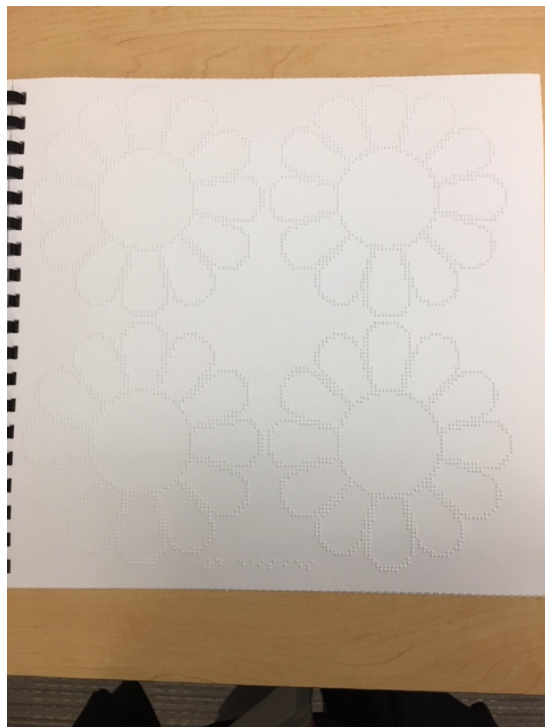
- Sylvia Snyder and the CYAS team host a two-day orientation on Thursday and Friday for the staff for summer programs. The group includes new staff and four interns, three joining CSC from Ohio State University and one from Notre Dame College.
- CYAS summer programs begin Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Bright Futures Preschool Day Camp runs through July 14<sup>th</sup> and is for children with blindness or a vision impairment that are entering or returning to preschool. Summer Youth Work Experience also begins, which is a five-week residential program for transitional age youth ages 16 – 21. For more information on these programs, contact Sylvia Snyder (216-791-8118).
- CSC will again be present at the annual Parade the Circle event, hosted by University Circle, Inc. and being held on Saturday. Visitors to the CSC tent will participate in a tactile art project while blindfolded.

### **Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week: Color and Count 2 Raised Line Coloring Book**

- The Eyedeas Shop's Color and Count 2 Raised Line Coloring is a beginner's Braille activity and coloring book featuring raised lines and large pictures to color with mazes in the back of the book for more of a challenge. Thanks to Jennifer Dean for all her hard work and creativity on the book. The price is \$5.00.



Color and Count 2 book



Page featuring flowers with raised curves

- Can't make it to the Eyedea Shop at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at [www.eyedeashop.com](http://www.eyedeashop.com) and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

### Did You Know?

- Flag Day is June 14<sup>th</sup> every year. Here are some interesting facts about Flag Day:

-Flag Day was invented by a teacher.

Nineteen-year-old Bernard J. CiGrand walked into his one-room schoolhouse in Wisconsin in 1885, stuck a 10-inch flag in an inkwell, and asked his students to write an essay on its meaning. CiGrand spent the next 50-ish years writing in support of making Flag Day a national holiday. He died of a heart attack 17 years before Congress approved in 1949.

-Flag Day is the birthday of our Stars and Stripes.

Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th, because that was the day that

Congress officially recognized it as the flag of the United States in 1777.

-It's not *just* the flag's birthday.

June 14th, 1775 is the date that congress formally authorized the enlistment of soldiers into what was then called the Continental Army.

-Flag Day is not a federal holiday.

It's a national holiday, but you won't get the day off work unless you live in Pennsylvania, which recognizes it as a legal state holiday. It seems fitting that Pennsylvania would be the only state to do so, as that's where the flag was born.