



## Keeping You “In the Know...” 7/13/18

### CSC’s Fourth Annual Golf Classic is July 23<sup>rd</sup>:

- This year’s CSC Golf Classic will be Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Westfield Group Country Club. For the fourth consecutive year, this tremendous fundraising and awareness opportunity is the result of CSC’s strong partnership with Westfield Group’s human resources department. The cost to participate is \$300 per person and includes an 18-hole scramble format, greens fees, golf cart, continental breakfast, boxed lunch, awards reception including hors d’oeuvres and beverages, golfer gifts, contests and prizes. Foursomes are available for \$1,250 which includes a hole sponsorship. Spots are still available so contact Steve Frohwerk (216-791-8118) for additional information or [click here](#). Please pass along to those family, friends, colleagues and business associates who may be interested in teeing it up for a great cause!



CSC Golf Classic logo

### CSC Welcomes Rebecca Alexander to Spellbound on September 28<sup>th</sup>:

- CSC’s annual fundraising gala, Spellbound, will be held on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at Windows on the River in downtown Cleveland. This year marks the 32<sup>nd</sup> year for the event and will feature guest speaker

Rebecca Alexander ([www.rebalexander.com](http://www.rebalexander.com)). Rebecca Alexander is an author, psychotherapist, fitness instructor, volunteer and extreme athlete who, due to Usher syndrome type III, is almost completely blind and deaf. Consistently upbeat, Rebecca gives encouragement and inspiration to others who are facing their own challenges, whether physical or emotional, in interpersonal relationships or in the workplace. She has been featured on The Today Show, NBC Nightly News, The New York Times, USA Today and more. For additional information, [click here](#) or contact Steve Frohwerk (216-791-8118).



Photo of Rebecca Alexander

### What's Happening at CSC:

- CSC's Bright Futures Summer Program for young clients concluded this week. The 11 program participants were led by lead teacher Abby Schwartz and assistants Emma and Melissa, supported by CSC's team of therapists, have created a fun and happy learning environment for the preschoolers. Thanks to the staff members for making it a successful and enjoyable program.
- This year's Summer Youth Work Experience (SYWE) program concludes today, July 13<sup>th</sup>. The 13 program participants learned many skills over the five weeks in session, including a paid work experience, instruction in job readiness and "soft skills", one-on-one or small group

instruction in the areas of orientation and mobility, computer skills and activities of daily living. The program concluded with a bang, having the opportunity to go rowing with Team VIPER (Visually Impaired Persons Enjoying Rowing) on Wednesday evening, participated in the Job Fair Thursday morning and put on a fantastic Talent Show Thursday afternoon. We are so proud of this crew - the growth that has been witnessed in these young adults in the past five weeks is phenomenal! Thank you to all staff and volunteers who assisted with the program this year.



Group photo with rowing oars



Group photo of interviewers and interviewees at the Job Fair

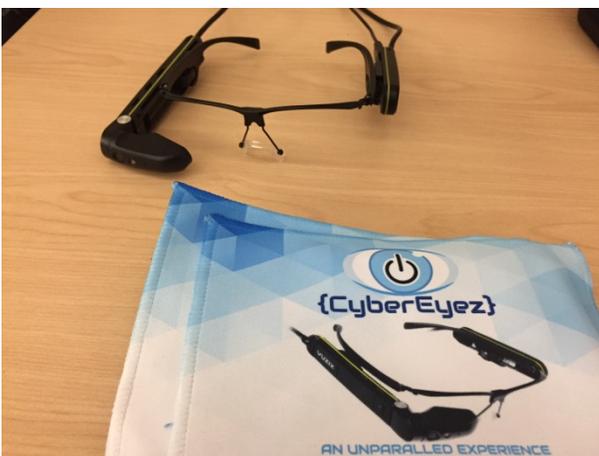


SYWE participants await the start of the Talent Show

- Coming up on the Children & Young Adult Services (CYAS) calendar includes the ABCs Day Camp for children ages 6 – 9 with blindness or vision impairment and Career Exploration program for teens ages 14 –

16. ABCs Day Camp begins Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> and Career Exploration kicks off for two weeks starting Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- Staff members from Hyland Software again visited CSC this week to work through various software platforms and accessibility with CSC staff members Jennifer Dean and Randy Knapp.
- Highbrook Lodge welcomed adults with vision loss to camp for the week and also hosts a one-day trip for adults today, July 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The Eyedea Shop hosted a “Lunch and Learn” on Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> to demonstrate wearable technology Cyber Eyez, which is an application for smart glasses enabling users with low vision and blindness to be more independent in a sighted world. By using a high definition camera and an optical character recognition engine, Cyber Eyez provides highly accurate text recognition. Wearers can have any text read to them in real time with no internet connection while still maintaining privacy. Users can experience their world and get things done efficiently and independently. Thanks to our friends at Cyber Timez for the great demo and product information. For more information on Cyber Eyez, please contact the Eyedea Shop (216-791-8118).



Cyber Eyez wearable technology



Presenter shows the flashlight feature

**Engaging the Community:**

- Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer presented the “Tips Talk” program to various facilities this week, including Mulberry Gardens in Munroe Falls, Villa Serena in Mayfield Heights and Beachwood Commons. They also visited represented CSC at the Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled Family Fun and Learning Day and attended the Medina County Senior Services Network meeting. During the month of July, the “Golden Years” television program, which airs throughout Medina County on Brunswick Area Television, features Tom and Alicia discussing CSC programs and services. To catch the program, [click here](#).
- Desmond Kennedy visited with the Vision Development Team office in Beachwood and the Lake County Board of Commissioners this week to discuss CSC’s programs and services.

### This Week in the Eyedea Shop:

- The Eyedea Shop’s newest item is an eyeglass repair kit. Save yourself a trip to the optician and repair your own glasses! Have you lost a screw or a nose pad? This kit will come to the rescue. It includes a screwdriver, two o-rings, two nose pads and eyeglass screws. Carry it conveniently in a hand bag or briefcase. The price is only \$3.00.



Image of eyeglass repair kit

- 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 [bpascik@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:bpascik@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](http://www.eyedeashop.com) and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

### Items of Note:

- The Cleveland Sight Center Visionaries will host their first fundraising and awareness event and you are invited! This event will be from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at Hofbrauhaus Cleveland. Join the Visionaries for a night of fun, awareness, and giving back. There will be a 50/50 raffle and 10% of the proceeds from the evening will be donated back to support the mission of Cleveland Sight Center. This is a great chance to meet members of the Visionaries, learn more about their goals and what they are doing for CSC and easily raise some funds for the agency. This event is sponsored by Erie Title Agency. If you have any questions please reach out to Jessica Polack (216-791-8118).



Image of the event invitation for Visionaries Happy Hour

- Take me out to the ballgame! The Cleveland Scrappers beep baseball team will host a fundraiser game against The Cleveland Senior Softball League on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> in Strongsville. The six-inning game between a team of players who are blind against a team of seniors who will wear blindfolds will be played at 21410 Lunn Road and the time is 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is no admission charge, but donations are welcome. The organizers of the event will be selling drinks and snacks and will also be having a raffle. All profits go to the Cleveland Scrappers. For more information, contact Cathy Javorsky (216-791-8118).
- The great thing about the accessibility tools inside Apple products is that they make those products better for everyone. Here are some accessibility solutions every Apple user needs to know...[click here](#) for the full article.

## Congratulations, You're Awesome!

- Congratulations to Scott Malone, nominated by Bryan Manthey, and Laurie Schlickman, nominated by Kimberly Hudson, winners of the Random Acts of Awesome Award! Congratulations to the following CSC associates for also being nominated for the award:
  - Fidel Swain, nominated by Scott Malone
  - Charlotte Fornal, Stephanie McLeod and Debbie Ruffin, nominated by Steve Sharrock
  - Janelle Workman, nominated by Andrea Huff
  - Leah Tater, nominated by Anonymous

## Did You Know?

- Friday is Fry Day! Today, July 13<sup>th</sup> is National French Fry Day.