



Keeping You “In the Know...” 7/15/16

CSC Operations During the Republican National Convention:

- The City of Cleveland is hosting the Republican National Convention July 18 – 21. Cleveland Sight Center anticipates normal business hours and operations during this time. For more information on the RNC, some resources are listed below.

-2016 Republican National Convention Website:

<https://www.2016cle.com/>

-City of Cleveland Website:

<http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/>

-City of Cleveland Traffic Conditions:

<http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Community/GettingAround/Traffic>

-Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority:

<http://www.riderta.com/2016CLE>

-Ohio Department of Transportation Real-Time Traffic:

<http://www.ohgo.com/> (smartphone apps available!)

Strengthening Partnerships and Educating the Community:

- Urban Squash Cleveland, a youth development organization that transforms the lives of inner-city youth through academic support, the sport of squash, and enduring life skills, visited CSC Friday July 8th for the first of two education days with service projects. Thanks to Board

Trustee [Rob Hartford](#) for facilitating the introduction of Urban Squash Cleveland to CSC. The group returns to CSC on Tuesday, July 26th.

- It's been an extremely busy week with guests and activities at CSC and [Highbrook Lodge](#). On Monday, [Lisa Cellura](#) provided a tour and introduction to CSC to a deaf interpreter student at Cleveland State University. [Alicia Howerton](#) and [Susie Meles](#) hosted Ashley Urso from Vocational Guidance Services and her client on Tuesday for a tour of the agency and to learn more about employment opportunities. Also on Wednesday, [Lisa Cellura](#) and [Alicia Howerton](#) presented the "Blindness Basics" program for 35 PhD candidates in Cleveland State University's Physical Therapy program and [Tom Sawyer](#) had a display at the Ohio Library for the Blind Family Fun Day.
- [Larry Benders](#) and [Kevin Krencisz](#) hosted Pam Eichenauer and Ellen Stirn Mavec of The Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation on Wednesday, July 13th to discuss various projects at the agency. The Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation has been a long advocate, supporter, and funder of CSC.
- A group of volunteers from Progressive's Commercial Lines Operations Team completed a service day project at [Highbrook Lodge](#) on Wednesday, July 13th. The group completed tasks including weeding and clearing out the playgrounds in preparation for upcoming sessions for preschoolers and kids, tweens, teens. They also cleaned and set up preschool toys, did exterior and interior painting, and deep cleaning. In addition, the volunteers donated a bunch of travel-size toiletries for any campers in need. Progressive also provided a bucket full of arts and crafts supplies including yarn, paint, construction paper, poster board and more! They also donated 7 fleece blankets which will replace some of the older blankets in the collection. Thank you, Progressive!



Volunteer on a step ladder painting



Volunteers wipe down playground toys

- The [Employment](#) team held their quarterly [Stakeholders Meeting](#) on Thursday, July 14th. The theme of the meeting was education and a big thanks to [Lisa Cellura](#) for presenting “[Blindness Basics](#)”. In addition, the meeting included a client spotlight which featured one of [Kanden Tolbert’s](#) job seekers. Jared Daley, Coordinator of Employer Engagement Services at Cuyahoga Board of Developmental Disabilities, discussed the upcoming Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga County (ECCC) Job Fair on August 25th, at which CSC’s [Employment Services](#) team will be present. Friend of CSC Valeria Mills then shared her success story overcoming barriers to become a Caregiver at Symphony of Mentor. Stakeholders from Marriott, Pre-Check, Penske, Squire Patton Boggs, Services for Independent Living, and Board Trustee [Ken Koster](#) participated in the meeting. The next Stakeholders meeting is scheduled for November 3rd. Know of an employer or community influencer who would be interested in the joining the [Stakeholders Committee](#)? Contact [Alexis Vickers](#) (216-791-8118)!
- CSC’s first community-based [Volunteer Orientation](#) is scheduled for Sunday, July 17th at the South Euclid – Lyndhurst branch of the Cuyahoga County Library. A group of eight volunteers will become oriented with CSC. For more information on upcoming volunteer orientations, contact [Jane Arnoff Logsdon](#) (216-791-8118).

Still Busy in CYAS:

- **CYAS** hosted an Ice Cream Social for **Early Intervention** families on Tuesday, July 12th. The **CYAS** team served the treats while the children and families enjoyed the **Empowerment Park** and playground area.
- The **Summer Youth Work Experience** program concludes this week. The participants made the most of their time at CSC, earning money through work at a variety of employment partners including the Cleveland Indians, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, and Cleveland Botanical Gardens. In addition, participants received instruction and lessons in technology, activities of daily living, and orientation & mobility. This week's highlights included a Job Fair and Talent Show. Special thanks to all those who attended the Talent Show and to **Larry Benders**, **Anthony Easley**, **David Magyar**, **Tina Pringpuangkeo**, and **Alexis Vickers** for their participation in the Job Fair. Congratulations to the staff and participants on such a successful five-week program.



Participants participate in interviews



Group photo of interviewers and interviewees



Taylor playing the clarinet at the Talent Show



Emma sings Adele's "Day Dreamer"



SYWE group in front of large C at Progressive Field



Participants practice crossing the street



View of Progressive Field under blue skies



Hunter fishing off the dock with a park ranger

- [Bright Futures Summer Day Camp](#) for preschoolers concludes this week. To close out the program, the participants enjoyed a water play day to celebrate the last week of camp. They had a pool, slip and slide, sprinkler, painting with sponges, and other fun water activities. On Wednesday, the group listened to the sounds of a clarinet and flute, performed by two of the Summer Youth Work Experience students who have been working in the classroom to assist the day campers.



Youngster fills his water bucket



Youngsters play with a bin of water



Day camper explores a flute



Day camper holds a flute

- Next up for [CYAS](#) is the [ABCs Day Camp](#) for kids ages 5 – 8 and the [Career Exploration](#) program for teens 14 – 16. Both begin on Monday, July 18th. For more information on these programs, [click here](#).
- 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.

Calling All Artists:

- Are you or do you know an artist who has blindness or low vision? Submissions are now being accepted for artwork to be on the cover of some of CSC's 2016 [Holiday Cards](#)! Please submit entries to [Barbara Piascik](#) in the [Eyedea Shop](#) by September 1st, 2016. Entries will be presented to a selection committee and are limited to two (2) per artist. If original artwork is not submitted, high resolution images of the artwork will be accepted. Artwork that is selected for [Holiday Cards](#) will be displayed in the [Eyedea Shop](#) and in the main lobby at CSC with the option to be sold. Interested buyers will be directed to the artist. Artwork that is not selected will be returned to artist.

CSC's Annual Budget:

- CSC is starting its budget process for fiscal year 2017. The budget helps CSC track how much money we have, how much we need to spend, and how much we need to bring in to meet business goals. A budget includes revenues (examples include Contributions, Fundraising, Fee for Service, Endowment Income, Beneficial Trust Income, Retail Sales, Grants, and more), expenses (Salaries and Employees Benefits, Professional and Contract Fees, Supplies, Occupancy Expenses, Transportation and Staff Travel, and others) and capital expenses (items that have a useful life of more than a year, for example, vehicles, building improvement, computer servers, etc.).

CSC's Budget Process is as follows:

1. [Fiscal Management](#) (FM) prepares the capital budget (with assistance of IT and Facilities Directors)
2. FM produces a first pass of the budget expenses

3. FM requests help from Directors for the projected revenues of departments
4. FM meets and firms up departmental budgets with Directors/Managers
5. FM reviews the fiscal year 2017 consolidated budget with CSC President [Larry Benders](#)
6. FM reviews the fiscal year 2017 consolidated budget with Board Treasurer [Wally Anders](#)
7. FM presents the fiscal year 2017 consolidated budget to [Budget and Finance Committee](#) for 1) Budget Review and 2) Recommendation for Approval to [Board of Trustees](#) (Meeting is September 8, 2016)
8. [Budget and Finance Committee](#) presents the fiscal year 2017 consolidated budget for approval to the [Board of Trustees](#) (Meeting is September 12, 2016)

Any questions about the Budget Process can be directed to [Kevin Krencisz](#) or [Charlotte Fornal](#) of the [Fiscal Management](#) team.

Items of Note:

- Did you know the [Low Vision Clinic](#) now has over 390 designer frames on display? Stop by and check out the new wall racks, floor racks, and great selection of frames. Contact the [Low Vision Clinic](#) (216-791-8118) to make an appointment for your next exam!



Newly mounted wall racks with frames



New turning floor display racks

- The [Call Center](#) is hiring! Interest in employment opportunities with CSC and the [Call Center](#) remains high, as new hires are moving from out of state to work at the agency.
- [Job Club](#) will meet on Thursday, July 21st in the [Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium](#) 10:00am – 11:30am. This month, CSC's Human Resources Generalist [Tina Pringpuangkeo](#) will be joining [Job Club](#) to discuss the hiring process at Cleveland Sight Center and CSC's [Call Center](#). She will also share “do's and don'ts” of job interviewing, resumes, and contacting employers. Come learn the right way to knock their socks off! For more information, contact [Nicole Kahn](#) (216-791-8118).
- Justin Moore, co-founder and COO of NuEyes, will present the NuEyes product at 2:00pm in the [Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium](#) on Thursday, July 21st. What is NuEyes? Wearable technology is the future and NuEyes featuring ODG smartglasses brings the future to you in a small, compact yet powerful head worn device. NuEyes featuring ODG smart glasses, finally makes it possible for those with visual impairments to connect with loved ones and others without always having to use a big clunky machine. The removable visual prosthetic helps those with low vision see again while keeping their hands free. For more information, contact [Tom Sawyer](#) (216-791-8118) or [click here for the NuEyes website](#).
- Future Connections Intern [Marshe' Robinson](#), who will be a senior at Warrensville Heights High School, finished her four-week placement with us on July 8th. During her time here, [Marshe'](#) interviewed several staff members, participated in [Community Education](#) programs, observed in the [Early Intervention](#) class and [Low Vision Clinic](#), and helped with various projects in [Volunteer Services](#). [Marshe'](#) presented an impressive summary of her work here at the end of her placement. We appreciate all of her help and wish her well as she moves on to her next placement!

Joining us from July 11th-August 5th is [Somalia Garrison](#), a Maple Heights High School senior. Somalia will be participating in similar activities, along with a visit to [Highbrook Lodge](#). Contact [Jane Arnoff](#)

[Logsdon](#) (x4580) if you have any projects or observation opportunities to include [Somalia](#). Please welcome [Somalia](#) to the CSC team. We are happy to have the opportunity to work with these promising young people!

- [Check out this article](#) on Katie Scheutzow's "[Banking for the Blind](#)" [prototype](#) through the Scratch Foundation. Earlier this year, Katie coded a software program that can help those who are blind or have low vision bank at ATMs by using basic hand motions. The program uses video sensing technology and audio prompts to carry out tasks such as making a deposit, withdrawing money, and checking a balance. Katie is a student at St. Ambrose school in Brunswick and will be spending a week at CSC in August as an intern with [Randy Knapp](#).

Did You Know?

- In 1924, Cleveland became home to Hector Boiardi's first restaurant. Today, you can find his sauce under the name Chef Boyardee.