



## Keeping You "In the Know..." 9/28/18

### Spellbound Celebrates 32 Years and Welcomes Rebecca Alexander!

- CSC's annual fundraising gala, Spellbound, is today at Windows on the River in downtown Cleveland. This year marks the 32<sup>nd</sup> year for the event and features guest speaker Rebecca Alexander ([www.rebalexander.com](http://www.rebalexander.com)). Over 250 guests are expected to attend a motivating evening of empowerment and entertainment. Rebecca will be at CSC this afternoon for a tour of the agency and stop into the Eyedea Shop. Please say hello if your schedule allows.

The word "Spellbound" is written in a large, ornate, burgundy-colored serif font. The letter 'S' is significantly larger than the others and features a silver, starburst-like graphic element at its top left corner.

Spellbound logo in burgundy and silver

### Educating and Engaging the Community:

- Rosalie Daley and Alicia Howerton represented Cleveland Sight Center on WRUW-FM 91.1 Cleveland's the "Voices & Choices" show on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Rosalie and Alicia spoke on all things CSC including employment, programs, services and ways to get involved with the agency. The hour-long feature of CSC can be found [clicking here](#) and selecting the 9/25/18 show (there are a few songs that open the show so stay tuned).

- Jassen Tawil represented CSC and the Call Center this week at a quarterly job vendor/trade fair hosted by the Department of Administrative Services and held at Vocational Guidance Services. Many state agencies and vendors were represented.
- Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer represented CSC this week at the National Caucus and Center on Black Aging Senior Expo and a networking meeting for seniors in Summit County. Occupational Therapy Assistant students from Bryant & Stratton visited CSC on Thursday for a training in “Blindness Basics” and tour of the agency. On Friday, Alicia and Tom participate in a vendor fair showcasing CSC programs, services and technology in Wadsworth, with over 400 attendees expected. They close out the week with another vendor fair in Pepper Pike on Saturday.

### What's Happening at CSC:

- Representatives of the Cincinnati Insurance Companies visited Highbrook Lodge last week for an annual Loss Control visit. The purpose of the visit was to update and gather information specific to operations relative to controlling property, general liability and automobile losses. The inspectors reviewed many of the operations and practices, along with evaluation of recent updates. As a result of the survey no formal recommendations for improvement were provided. Congratulations to Chris Gruber, Kevin Pye and the Facilities and Highbrook Lodge teams on this excellent report.
- The CARF team, led by Charlotte Fornal, Marcia Houston, Susie Meles and Judith Weyburne, held a mock survey and walk through of the entire process on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> as they continue preparations for the CARF Surveyors visit to CSC on November 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>. Results of the mock survey will be received next week and reviewed by the team to make any necessary updates.
- Is spreading the word about CSC programs, partnerships, products or services important to you? Are your days busy, filled with projects or

goals you would like to accomplish? Do you want a way to strategically complete projects in your department or area, while also spreading the word about Cleveland Sight Center? CSC Volunteer Services can help! Now collecting projects to engage groups of 2-60 volunteers in Done In a Day (DIAD) projects, CSC Volunteer Services can work with you to help you efficiently complete projects and stay on task with goals. Whether you need help with event staffing, cleaning, organizing or engaging clients – CSC Volunteer Services can work with you to plan groups that work to help you meet your goals. Contact Melissa Mauk at [mmauk@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:mmauk@clevelandsightcenter.org) or at 216-791-8118 to learn more about organizing DIAD to help in your department or area, including a list of example projects.

- Students in Bright Futures Preschool had another busy week at CSC! As part of their learning about community helpers, the class enjoyed a visit from Delta Airlines pilot Captain Joe, who talked about his job! Ranger Caitlin from the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and volunteers Miss Lisa and Mr. Joe visited for the Reading with Ranger program. The students also set up their own fire station in the hallway this week!



Captain Joe talks to the students



Captain Joe shares his pilot hat



Rangers and volunteers read books to students



A preschooler in his fireman hat and jacket

### Kudos from Callers:

- The following detail was recently received from the Call Center's work on the Ohio Department of Education campaign, which assists educators in license renewals at the start of each school year. The Customer Service Representative assisted the caller with general questions regarding the renewal of her professional license and how to obtain a substitute license. Her response "I wish I could have spoken to you sooner. You were a wealth of knowledge. Thank you!"

### Low Vision Clinic Corner: What is Macular Degeneration?

- What is Macular Degeneration? The nerve cells in the back of the eye (the retina) are very close together in the area where the eye focuses the images that we see. This part of the retina is called the macula. As people age, the macula tends to change in ways that cause a gradual loss of sharp vision. Sometimes, the macula actually begins to break down, and occasionally new blood vessels can grow where they do not belong. This condition of abnormal macula breakdown and/or new blood vessel creation is called age-related macular degeneration. You might have this condition if you notice that:
  - The ability to see fine details when you are looking directly at an object, no matter how close or far away it is, starts to decline.

-Your vision changes so that straight lines look wavy or broken.

-Dark spots, lines, or shadows appear in your field of view.

There is no cure for macular degeneration. Several treatments, if started early enough, can slow vision loss and help a person keep useful vision for many years.

## This Week in the Eyedea Shop: 2019 Large Print Calendars, New Catalogs and Holiday Cards!

- The 2019 Large Print Wall Calendars have arrived in the Eyedea Shop! Also in stock are the 2019 Large Print Date Planners. The wall calendars are \$10.00 and the date planners are \$12.50. Also, 2018 Large Print Wall Calendars are still available if need be at a reduced price of \$5.00. So stop in soon to get your appointments organized for the rest of 2018 and the New Year in 2019!



Image of 2019 Large Print Calendar

- The Eyedea Shop has new product catalogs! Thanks to the creative team at Dealer Tire for the excellent new design and layout of the catalog. Stop by the store to get some and pass out to clients, family, friends and business associates.
- Exciting update! This year's Holiday Cards are now on the Eyedea Shop website! Take a look and pick your favorites to place your order.

Cards will be available soon and store associates will be happy to place a pre-order if you like. Also, some cards from previous years have been selected and are now reduced in price...10 cards for \$5.00. Any questions that come to mind can be answered if you contact the Eyedea Shop (216-791-8118). View this year's selection of Holiday Cards online by [clicking here](#).

### Did You Know?

- President Abraham Lincoln signed a law establishing the Medal of Honor in 1862. The medal was to be awarded "to such noncommissioned officers and privates as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action, and other soldier-like qualities, during the present insurrection." Congress made the Medal of Honor a permanent decoration a year later. In the years since, nearly 3,500 Americans have received the medal, which is the nation's highest military honor. Of those, a total of 330 are from Ohio. Ohio's 330 Medal of Honor recipients hail from 72 of the Buckeye State's 88 counties.