

## Keeping you “In the Know...” 7/2/15

### \$101,000 and Counting!

- This year’s **White Cane Walk & 5K Run** total has reached six digits... **\$101,335 raised and counting!** Thank you to **ALL** who had a hand in making this year’s event the most successful in 10 years. To all those who made a donation, started a fundraising team, participated in the 5K Run and/or White Cane Walk, volunteered or came out to enjoy the day, your support is truly appreciated!

### Creating and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Grace Kilbane, Executive Director of OhioMeansJobs|Cleveland/Cuyahoga County, visited CSC on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss possible partnerships in employment with CSC’s team of Larry Benders, Jassen Tawil and Joel Zureick.
- CSC’s successful partnership with Cuyahoga Community College (CCC) in the operation of an Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE) Program at CSC was highlighted at a State forum in Columbus on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> convened by Mindy Duncan, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired of the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) agency. CSC’s President and Executive Director Larry Benders, accompanied by Dr. Anthony Easley, Quality Assurance Manager, and Alexis Vinick, Supported Employment Program Manager, made presentations to forum participants, which included representatives from The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio (in Toledo) and the Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Marjorie Harris, instructor of the CSC-sited ABLE class and Sheila Manley of CCC also made presentations.

The purpose of the forum was to explore and foster opportunities for organizations throughout Ohio to expand access to literacy-education programs for individuals who are blind or have low vision. The federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), signed by President Obama in 2014 and effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, seeks to create innovative and efficient partnerships between state vocational rehabilitation programs and the ABLE program. CSC’s on-site ABLE program is a highly successful example of the type of partnership that WIOA seeks to foster so that people with disabling conditions can achieve and maintain rewarding employment in the competitive marketplace.

- Ellen Stirn Mavec, President and Chairman of The Kelvin & Eleanor Smith Foundation, visited CSC this week for an update on the agency and to formally meet Larry Benders. The Kelvin & Eleanor Smith Foundation, a longtime supporter of CSC programs and initiatives, is a private family foundation that makes grants to non-profit, charitable organizations in Northeast Ohio with a mission to support non-profit organizations that adhere to excellence in their missions, creativity in approach, fiscal responsibility, and leadership in their service to the community, which ultimately makes a positive impact for the citizens of Northeast Ohio.
- CSC was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the William J. and Dorothy K. O’Neill Foundation, whose vision is for strong communities where families thrive and mission is to partner with nonprofits to improve the quality of life for families and communities, in places where O’Neill family members live. The funds will be allocated to the Early Intervention program.

## What's Happening at Highbrook Lodge:

- Youth Challenge, an organization that offers sports and recreation activities for individuals with physical disabilities, rented Highbrook Lodge on Monday and Tuesday to provide an overnight camp experience to a group of 50 individuals in their program.
- This weekend the six participants of CSC's Summer Youth Work Experience program will enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday at Highbrook Lodge. The group continues work this summer at locations including the American Red Cross, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Great Lakes Science Center and Greater Cleveland Food Bank. The participants will have a cookout at CSC on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> with the Visionaries, CSC's young professionals group.
- Last week's first session of the summer tested out a new set of activities for campers. Since shopping field trips are not being offered this year during camp, campers instead experienced fishing and canoeing and were offered a program on cooking over a campfire. All seven participants of campfire cooking had never been taught how to start a fire or cook over one and many of the campers had never been canoeing as well. The new additions were well-received!

## Shop Til You Drop:

- The Recreation department is planning a shopping trip for clients on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. The trip is from 9:00am – 4:00pm and will include stops at the Amish Country Flea Market, Cheese Factory and Walmart. The cost is \$20 per person and transportation is provided. Prepare to buy or bring your own lunch. Reservations can be made by Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> with Tamara Flowers or Desmond Kennedy at 216-791-8118.

## CARF Corner:

- Congratulations to the CARF team of Lisa Cellura, Alexis Vinick, Charlotte Fornal, Susie Meles and Marcia Houston on the recent application submission for accreditation. The team will spend the next few months preparing for the CARF survey, which will occur sometime between October and November.
- CARF Corner – Quarterly updates for individuals awaiting services

Quarterly Updates for individuals awaiting services. Individuals awaiting services are given quarterly updates regarding their applicant status before beginning services. CARF Surveyors will ask us to describe the process used to provide quarterly updates to individuals awaiting services regarding their applicant status.

If requested, referral sources are provided with outcomes information regarding the organization's aggregated performance and individuals referred for services, when authorized by the persons served. CARF surveyors may wish to review how outcomes information is provided. Examples may include publication of an aggregate outcomes report on the organization's website, annual report or other publications that may meet the needs of referral

sources. Outcomes information may be a useful marketing tool for referral sources, persons served and their families.

**Item of Note:**

- CSC will be closed on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Holiday.