



Keeping you “In the Know...” 9/25/15

Spellbound is Saturday!

- [Spellbound](#), CSC’s annual fundraising gala, is Saturday, September 26th at The Silver Grille at The Higbee Building. This year’s event, which celebrates the 29th Spellbound, will focus on services for seniors and the [Independent Living](#) program. Thanks to all who have purchased tickets and/or sponsorships, made a financial donation, provided an in-kind donation as well as those who have served on the [Spellbound Committee](#), including Board Trustees [Sara Parish](#), [Beverly Roach](#), [Linda Smythe](#) and [Frann Zverina](#), as well as CSC staff members [Larry Benders](#), [Kevin Krencisz](#) and [Steve Frohwerk](#).

End of Fiscal Year is September 30:

- With the first day of fall arriving at 4:23am on Wednesday, September 23, it’s almost time to turn the calendar...the [Fiscal Year 2015](#) calendar that is! CSC’s [Fiscal Year 2015](#) ends on Wednesday, September 30th. Please note the [Eyedea Shop](#) and [Low Vision Clinic](#) will be closed for inventory on Thursday, October 1st and Friday, October 2nd.
- The [Fiscal Year 2016](#) budget was presented and approved at the Monday, September 21st [Board of Trustees](#) meeting. Thanks to the [Budget & Finance Committee](#), led by Trustee [Gary Poth](#) and the [Fiscal Management Department](#) of [Kevin Krencisz](#), [Charlotte Fornal](#), [Gloria Medlen](#), [Frida Gudina](#) and [Debbie Ruffin](#) for their ongoing commitment to ensure CSC’s sound fiscal practices and policies. The budget does include an allocation for merit-based payroll increases, after the

Employee Performance Evaluations process that [Human Resources](#) will announce in the coming weeks.

Educating the Community and Engaging Volunteers to Strengthen Partnerships:

- The following engagement activities occurred at CSC and in our community this week:
 - On Monday, [Lisa Cellura](#) presented a program on vision and technology to the Chagrin Valley Women's Club.
 - [Lisa Cellura](#) presented the "Aging Eye" program to seniors at the Jaelot Apartments in Shaker Heights on Tuesday.
 - [Lisa Cellura](#) and [Cathy Javorsky](#) presented "What Do You Do When You Meet a Person Who is Blind" to kids at Washington Park School in Newburgh Heights on Wednesday.
 - On Thursday, [Lisa Cellura](#) presented at the United Way Kick Off for Rockwell Automation in Mayfield Heights. [Bill Spiker](#) and [Nicole Kahn](#) will follow up with a second visit and presentation to Rockwell Automation on Wednesday, September 30th.
 - [Susie Meles](#) presents the [Independent Living](#) program to the Lakewood Division on Aging on Friday.
- Over 130 students and staff from Chardon High School participated in a day of service at [Highbrook Lodge](#) on Tuesday September 22nd. The group completed tasks such as exterior painting and staining, weeding, cleaning, brush clean up, wood splitting and relocating and helped remove the floor in the main [Eleanor Smith Lodge](#) which will be retiled soon. The group also assembled new bed frames which were recently purchased as a result of this year's fundraising efforts of the Delta Gammas, which included the springtime "Night at the Races" event.

As a reminder – for those heading towards [Highbrook Lodge](#), Aquilla Road between State Route 322 and Butternut Road in Geauga County is closed. If you have volunteers, groups, programs or activities at [Highbrook Lodge](#) in the coming weeks, please contact Camp Ranger [Kevin Pye](#) (216-791-8118) for updates and the best route to access the grounds.



Group photo of Chardon High School on the lawn at Highbrook Lodge



Students paint metal lawn furniture



Student power washes the pool deck

- Wednesday, September 23rd was especially active on the volunteer front. A group of 10 students from Beaumont School visited CSC for a tour, an activity and to learn about guide dogs. A group of 25-30 volunteers from Progressive's Real Estate division visited [Highbrook Lodge](#) on the 23rd as well. Also, through a new partnership with John Carroll University (JCU), student volunteers began in the [Adult Literacy](#)

program and [Computer Lab](#) on this date. This partnership with JCU will yield seven students volunteering in the program every Wednesday!



Beaumont School students walking under blindfold with sighted guides



Group photo of Progressive next to Highbrook Lodge sign

On Monday, September 28th, two volunteer groups from Rockwell Automation will visit CSC to complete projects in the morning and afternoon.

Finally, Progressive volunteers return to [Highbrook Lodge](#) on Wednesday, September 30th...this group includes 50-55 volunteers from their Regulatory Compliance division.

- On Thursday, October 8th the Employment Department is hosting an educational seminar on Community Based Assessments. The purpose is to introduce the Community Based Assessments to local employers in order to inform and educate them on the benefits and guidelines regarding their participation. Goals for the seminar include increasing the number of employer host sites, increasing the diversity of participating employer host sites, and to get CSC clients in front of potential employers. For more information on this opportunity, contact [Sterling Garrett](#) (216-791-8118).

Attention Shoppers and Welcome, Gabriel:

- For those of you Giant Eagle/Get Go Shoppers, please help CSC's [Bright Futures Preschool](#) through the Apples for Students program using this simple step-by-step sign up. Each time your card is scanned through March 18th, 2016, your purchases automatically earn funds for [Bright Futures Preschool](#)! Here's how:
 1. Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card* at www.GiantEagle.com/AFTS
 2. Enter our school ID # 5788
 3. Shop with your Giant Eagle Advantage Card.*It is not necessary to re-register if you participated last year.
- [Bright Futures Preschool](#) welcomed [Gabriel](#), a new student to the class, this week. Enrollments are still being accepted – please contact [Sylvia Snyder](#) (216-791-8118) for more information.

It's Clearance Time:

- The [Eyedea Shop](#) will hold a Clearance Sale on Friday, September 25th from 9:00am – 4:00pm in the [Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium B](#). The sale will include some magnifiers, mirrors, fit-overs, lighting and miscellaneous items. Forms of payment accepted are cash, checks and all major credit cards. Contact the [Eyedea Shop](#) (216-791-8118) for more information.

CARF Corner:

- **Questions Surveyors Frequently Ask**

The following gives examples of questions that are frequently asked by surveyors during interviews with staff. Would **you** be able to answer the questions if asked by a surveyor?

Administrative and Management Staff:

How have you used input from the persons served to modify your services?

Direct Service Staff:

Describe recent meetings and discussions with supervisors or management.

All Staff:

What is your mission?

Items of Note:

- The recent “Dinner in the Dark” hosted by Case for Sight on the campus of Case Western Reserve University raised enough funds for seven scholarships for youth campers to attend [Highbrook Lodge](#) in the 2016 season!
- When Wayne State University researcher Dr. Zhou-Hua Pan placed a light-sensitive green algae protein into blind mice in 2006, he was amazed to find that it restored the subjects' vision almost immediately. Fast forward to 2015 and that protein is now the subject of a

forthcoming set of human trials aimed at unveiling a potential cure for blindness in humans. [Click here](#) for more.