



Keeping You “In the Know...” 10/21/16

CSC Receives Grant from Cleveland Clinic:

- Cleveland Sight Center has begun a community outreach partnership with Cleveland Clinic to support CSC’s mission of empowering people with vision loss to realize their full potential and to shape the community’s vision of that potential. Cleveland Clinic will provide \$7,500 in support of CSC’s Highbrook Lodge and the camp programs provided to children and families. This support will enable more individuals to experience the outdoors and learn much more about themselves in the process.

To ensure that camp fees are not a barrier to participation, CSC provides camperships to those who cannot afford to pay. Support from Cleveland Clinic will provide camperships for children and adult Cleveland residents who are blind, have low vision, or are multiply-disabled, so that they may participate in typical summer activities, regardless of their disabilities. Located on 60 acres of forest and countryside in Chardon, CSC has been operating the American Camping Association-accredited Highbrook Lodge since 1928. Highbrook Lodge offers campers a residential camping experience and provides a full range of outdoor activities, including hiking, boating, swimming and more, in a safe environment that features the necessary ADA-accessible tools and amenities.

“Cleveland Clinic is pleased to support Cleveland Sight Center through an investment in Highbrook Lodge,” said Vicki Johnson, Senior Director, Community Outreach. “We are proud to support the Center’s mission and programs which truly benefit participants’ health and well-being. This partnership plays a valuable role in the Clinic’s continuing efforts to impact and improve the health and wellness of residents throughout our community.”

Strengthening Partnerships and Educating the Community:

- [Lisa Cellura](#) presented a program to the [Victory Circle](#) at Hamlet Hills retirement community on Tuesday. [Lisa Cellura](#) and [Cathy Javorsky](#) presented the “[What Do You Do](#)” program to the second graders at St. Mary School in Mentor on Thursday. On Friday, [Lisa Cellura](#) presents “[Blindness Basics](#)” to the psychiatry department of Cleveland Clinic and [Melissa Bresnahan](#) gives a tour of the agency to students in this year’s Case for Sight service group. [Desmond Kennedy](#) spent time this week meeting with groups including Retina Center of Ohio, University Ophthalmology Associates, and representing CSC at the VA Medical Center’s Disability Expo.
- [Larry Benders](#) visited with the participants in the [Adult Literacy](#) program earlier this week and spoke about the importance of literacy. [Larry](#) congratulated and thanked students for their participation and reinforced the idea that reading is empowerment.



Larry Benders speaks to the Adult Literacy class

- Thursday’s meeting of the [Job Club](#) was a big success! CSC [Employment](#) staff welcomed guest speaker Michelle Brown, hiring recruiter at the Target in University Heights, to discuss jobs in a retail

setting and possible opportunities with Target stores. Participants brought their resumes and learned about the application process and Ms. Brown led an activity to help everyone in the group polish their job interview skills. Save the date for [Job Club](#) on Thursday, November 17th when hiring recruiters from KeyBank will join us to conduct mock interviews and offer information about employment opportunities with their organization. For more information on [Job Club](#), contact [Nicole Kahn](#) (216-791-8118).



Target logo

A New Addition to Preschool:

- Thanks to Pets in the Classroom, CSC's [Bright Futures Preschool](#) has a new friend, a betta fish named Swimmy! Swimmy joined the class on October 12th, he is a boy and the entire class loves him. Pets in the Classroom is an educational grant program to support public school teachers to have aquarium fish or small pets in the classroom.



Swimmy the betta fish in his fish tank

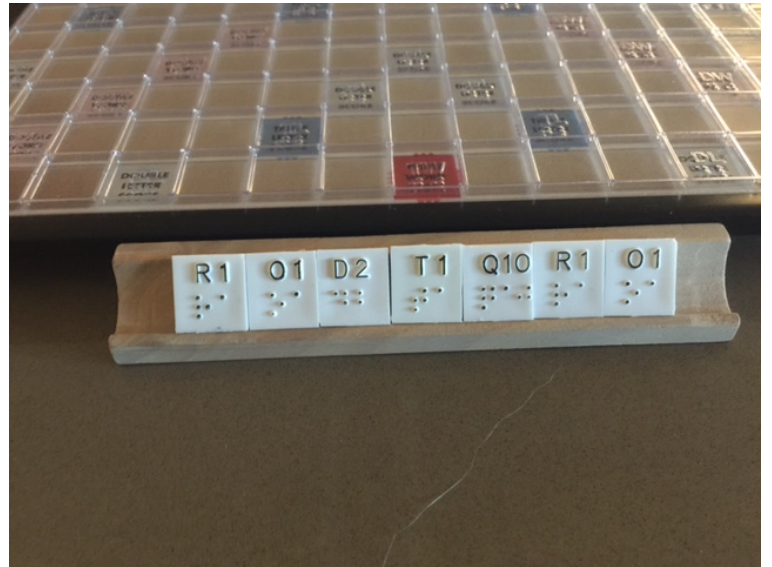
- [Bright Futures Preschool](#) class and staff will be parading their best Halloween costumes and visiting each office on Monday, October 31st beginning at 10:00 a.m. No need to worry about food allergies this Trick-or-Treat season. There are currently 10 students in the class.
- [Bright Futures Preschool](#) is in need of a pair of old overalls to make a scarecrow. If you have them, please bring them to [Dorota Mrochem-Tomaszewska](#).

Eyedeas Shop's Product of the Week:

- This week's featured product is Braille Scrabble! With the weather turning cooler, are you looking for a great stay-at-home activity to pass time? How about Scrabble? Make yourself a big bowl of popcorn and grab your favorite beverage and challenge someone to a round of mind-bending Scrabble. What a great way to spend quality time with your family members and friends. The game also makes a great holiday gift! The cost of the game is \$60. Have a dictionary handy!



Braille Scrabble game board



Braille Scrabble letters and pieces

- Also being featured in the [Eyedea Shop](#) are items to support breast cancer awareness, including lanyards, key fobs, tissue holders and business card holders. All items are under \$5.00 and have been crafted by the hands of [Sylvia Snyder](#). All proceeds from the sale of these items support CSC's [Children & Young Adult Services](#).



Items including keychains, key fobs, tissue holders and more!

Items of Note:

- Cleveland Sight Center will be closed on Friday, November 11th.
- Please be advised that the sidewalk on the north side of Chester Avenue in front of Cleveland Sight Center is closed due to construction until further notice.
- [Fall Weekend at Highbrook Lodge](#) will be held November 4th – 6th. For more information, contact [Lindsay Lowe](#) or [Tamara Flowers](#) (216-791-8118).
- The Parma Hills Lions Club hosts a fall fundraiser at Bleachers in Parma (6855 Ridge Road) on Saturday, November 12th from 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. The group has been a great supporter of CSC. Tickets are \$25, which includes dinner, draft beer, wine, well liquor and can be purchased from [Sylvia Snyder](#), [Cathy Javorksy](#), and [Amy Mullen](#).
- Information about voting with vision loss in the 2016 election can be found [here](#).
- In an effort to keep you up to date on changes in traffic patterns and following the latest maintenance of traffic changes implemented on the Opportunity Corridor project, the Ohio Department of Transportation would like to suggest an alternate route to avoid delays on southbound East 105th Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Chester Avenue. Opportunity Corridor Traffic Impacts:

The right lane on southbound East 105th Street from Park Lane through the Chester Avenue intersection is closed through mid-November.

Chester Avenue is restricted to two lanes eastbound and one lane westbound through East 105th Street through early-November.

Carnegie Avenue is open to full-width between East 100th Street and Stokes Boulevard.

East 105th Street is reduced to one lane in each direction between Carnegie and Euclid Avenues through mid-November for widening work. Access to local businesses is maintained.

Be sure to visit ODOT's website

at: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/projects/ClevelandUrbanCoreProjects/OpportunityCorridor/Pages/default.aspx> for more information or to stay informed about future restrictions and changes.

Did You Know?

- On January 16th, 1810, the Ohio government established Cuyahoga County. Residents took the name from the Native American word "Cuyahoga" which means "crooked river". The state made Cuyahoga County from part of Geauga County. Originally part of the Connecticut Western Reserve, Moses Cleaveland brought the first white settlers to the area in 1796. He established the city of Cleveland that same year.