



Keeping You “In the Know...” 10/26/18

CSC Thanks Major Donors:

- The Development team hosted CSC’s annual Donor Recognition Event on Wednesday, October 24th at the ballroom at Judson Manor, just a few blocks from CSC. The evening recognized and thanked the agency’s major donors for their support of CSC over the last year. The group of donors, Board Trustees and CSC staff enjoyed food, beverages and a presentation by veteran WVIZ and WCPN newsman Rick Jackson, who talked about his 40-year career in the journalism and media industry.

In Memoriam: Frann Zverina

- Frann Zverina passed away on Friday, October 19, 2018. Frann, a volunteer since 1991, served on Cleveland Sight Center’s Board of Trustees from 1995-2016. Frann devoted countless hours helping our clients achieve independence. She served as a volunteer of the Cleveland Sight Center Network, formerly the Cleveland Radio Reading Service, fur sale, chaired the Annual Meeting, chaired the Highbrook Lodge Advisory Committee, was a charter member of the Foresight Society (recognizing individuals who had made planned gifts) and sponsored golf events benefiting CSC.

In 1989, Frann established the Zverina Intern Scholarship program to encourage students to become recreational specialists based upon her devotion to Highbrook Lodge and understanding of the importance of recreational activities to people with disabilities.

Frann personified the best tradition of helping others. She shared her time, energy and talent whenever and wherever asked.

The Zverina family, beginning with Frann's grandparents, Anton and Rose Zverina, in the 1940's, had been interested in the mission of CSC. Her Uncle Justin and Aunt Frances S. Zverina, were also involved, especially with Highbrook Lodge. In 1969, they established an endowment fund for Highbrook Lodge and supported it generously over the years. From 1993-1995, the family built a recreation complex for Highbrook, including a pre-school playground, an older youth and adult area, and Roberts Field, a playing field for beeper baseball and other outdoor sports. Frann and her mother, Lois, dedicated the field to Frann's father, Robert Zverina. Frann was instrumental in funding the Tall Timber lodge and residence building at Highbrook Lodge in 2007.

Frann represented her generous family well but "stood in her own shoes" as a trustee. She successfully planned a 75th anniversary celebrating Highbrook Lodge.

Frann was active in other community activities, including the Herb Society, American Red Cross, Music School Settlement, Case Western Reserve University, and the Cleveland Rock N Roll Hall of Fame. When she was not volunteering, she could be found rooting for the Cleveland Indians or out on a golf course.

Frann was an outstanding volunteer, donor, trustee, and friend of Cleveland Sight Center and a stalwart supporter of efforts to create opportunities for individuals who were blind or experiencing vision loss.

Services for Frann are scheduled for Saturday, November 3 at 11:00 a.m. at Wade Chapel of Lake View Cemetery located at 12316 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106.



Frann Zverina

Engaging and Educating the Community:

- Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer presented the “Tips Talk” to a variety of groups this week, including Hamlet Village Retirement Community (Chagrin Falls), Villa at Marian Park senior apartment complex (Akron) and The AbbeWood Independent and Assisted Living facility (Elyria). Tom Sawyer represented CSC at the Summit County Senior Networking Meeting on Tuesday. A group of women in the Chagrin Falls-based English Nanny and Governess School visited CSC this week for a tour of the agency and an engaging “Blindness Basics” program. Today, the Outreach team represents CSC at the Wadsworth Senior and Caregiver Expo with over 400 attendees expected.
- CSC partners with the Cleveland Museum of Art, Community Center for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Northeast Ohio DeafBlind Association and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities for “A New Sensory Experience” tactile carnival being held at the Cleveland Museum of Art on Sunday, November 4th from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The event will celebrate members of the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, Blind & Low Vision Communities and will feature a variety of accessible carnival games that emphasize the use of touch and other sensory skills to compete. These games provide a "hands on experience" for children and adults to do real life activities as experienced by those who have hearing or vision loss. Games will be accessible to all,

including those who have vision or hearing loss. The event is free and open to all.

Strengthening Partnerships:

- The CSC Visionaries will be volunteering at Highbrook Lodge on Saturday, October 27th. They will be deep-cleaning cabins to shut them down for winter and raking leaves, weeding flower beds and clearing branches from the grounds. If you know someone that is interested in getting involved or learning more about the Visionaries group please reach out to Jessica Polack (216-791-8118).

What's Happening at CSC:

- A variety of programs and classes are available through CSC's Rehabilitation Services department including Beginning Braille, Intermediate Braille, Typing (keyboard orientation), Computer Training (for speech output and screen enlargement) and iPhone Trainings including Voiceover (current class is full with a wait list started) and Orientation to the Features of an iPhone. For more information including the schedule and rates for these programs, contact Bryan Manthey or Susie Meles (216-791-8118).
- Social Recreation activities this week included Line Dance, Crochet, Chess Club and a Movie and Popcorn, featuring the classic film "Casablanca" which was audio described for attendees.
- CSC welcomed Sanchi Kalra to the volunteer team this week as an administrative support volunteer. Sanchi will be volunteering in Employment Services assisting with uploading and managing electronic documents and client files. Welcome to the CSC team Sanchi! Do you have a volunteer need? Contact Melissa Mauk (216-791-8118).



Sanchi smiles in front of the CSC front lobby sign

- Students in Bright Futures Preschool have been busy with fall activities in class including sorting leaves by colors, making fall crafts and artwork, enjoying piano time and getting ready for handwriting.



A student looks at leaves on a light box



Preschooler adds crumbs to her acorn craft to make it tactile



Preschooler practices his writing and line drawing



Preschooler playing the keyboard

- “Active Learning” is being applied this year in Bright Futures Preschool – its goal is to promote active and independent engagement of each child at his or her own level. Some of the everyday items that can be used for this style of programming are listed below. If you have any of these items at your home and no longer use or need, please consider donating them to Bright Futures Preschool. All donations would be very much appreciated.
 - Foot Spa / Massager
 - Small CD players
 - Battery operated vibrating massagers
 - Metal whisks
 - Old metal keys
 - Key rings
 - Rubber bracelets
 - New combs or hair brushes
 - Small brushes
 - Fuzzy scarfs
 - Fuzzy balls

- A reminder the preschool students will have their annual Halloween Parade through the halls of CSC on Wednesday, October 31st beginning at 12:30 p.m. The trick-or-treaters are excited to show off their costumes and walk the agency for goodies...please keep in mind there are peanut allergies so no products that contain peanuts this year.
- The United States Association of Blind Athletics (USABA) is hosting its annual National Fitness Challenge! Participants with vision loss across the country are teaming up to get fit! Each participating city receives 25 Fitbits to be passed out to help participants track their daily step count on their smart phones. If you are interested in joining the USABA National Fitness Challenge, please email Mollie Evans at mevans@clevelandsightcenter.org or call 216-791-8118 to learn about receiving a Fitbit and/or joining the NFC Fitbit group!

Item of Note:

- Suber Huang, MD, MBA, who serves on CSC's Board of Trustees, extends an invitation to all to attend a very special event on Saturday, November 17th. Future Vision Foundation (co-founded by Suber Huang, MD, MBA and Jennifer Deutsch) will hold an inaugural event at Cleveland Museum of Art. Three individuals will be honored and presented with awards: Dr. ME Hartnett, recognized for her work on aberrant and pathological ocular neovascularization; Dr. Krzysztof Palczewski, for his work on rhodopsin and the fundamental mechanisms of sight—crucial to the understanding of blinding eye diseases; and Dr. Mark Humayun for innovative research in artificial vision has been recognized at the very highest of the vision research field. If you are interested in attending, please open the following link for more information and to connect with Future Vision Foundation's movie trailer: www.FutureVisionFound.org

Interesting Articles:

- Wells Fargo recently published a story on improving and enhancing online accessibility for their products and services. For more than a decade, digital accessibility consultant Jeremiah Rogers has helped Wells Fargo improve the accessibility of its online and mobile banking services – enabling people with blindness or low vision, like himself, to lead a more independent life. To read the full article, [click here](#).
- An article recently posted in the Society for Human Resource Management discussed that employers are more aware today than they were six years ago of the many jobs that can be performed by employees who are blind. In 2012, 53 percent of hiring managers didn't think there were many jobs at their company those workers could do. In 2018, that figure dropped to 47 percent but there are still misconceptions that need to be corrected. To read the full article, [click here](#).
- Singapore designer Kevian Chiam has created a range of kitchen tools for people who are blind or have low vision. A James Dyson Award nominee, Chiam created his Folks range using sensory feedback and tactile cues to allow people to cook with confidence. To learn more, [click here](#).
- A rare eye condition helped Leonardo da Vinci paint distance and depth of objects on flat surfaces with the accuracy which he became famous for, new research claims. Da Vinci, one of the world's most celebrated painters, had intermittent exotropia, a type of eye misalignment in which one eye turns outward, according to a study published Thursday in the journal JAMA Ophthalmology. To read the full article, [click here](#).