



Keeping You “In the Know...” 11/3/17

CSC Receives Grant from The Bicknell Fund:

- CSC received a \$7,500 grant this week from The Bicknell Fund, which was formed “for the purpose of promoting the well-being of mankind, and to that end to engage in such forms of charitable benevolent, educational, scientific and research work as from time to time shall seem expedient to its trustees.” The grant will be used for general operations.

Educating the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Two groups of optometry students from Ohio State University visited CSC on Wednesday, November 1st and Thursday, November 2nd to learn more about the agency, programs and services. The students are in town for the annual East-West Eye Conference and received a tour of the agency from Alicia Howerton as well as presentations from Lisa Cellura and Erin St. Denis.
- Lisa Cellura attended a discussion and book signing on Saturday, October 28th for the Philosophical Educational Association held at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church in Cleveland Heights. The book’s main character is a person who is blind and the event drew 85 people. Lisa presented the “Blindness Basics” program during a Medical Mutual “lunch and learn” event in Strongsville on Tuesday, October 31st. Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer also represented CSC at the event with an information table and product demonstrations.
- Desmond Kennedy made the following visits recently to discuss CSC’s programs and services: Cleveland Department of Aging Disability

Awareness Luncheon held at Fairhill Partners; staff and doctors at Cleveland Eye Clinic Beachwood location; Premier Physician Centers Inc. in Westlake; MetroHealth Parma Medical Offices & Surgery Center; and the SouthPointe Hospital Diabetes Fair with Alicia Howerton.

- Tom Sawyer made presentations and hosted information tables at Devon Oaks Assisted Living in Westlake (an Eliza Jennings facility), the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging's Health Fair at Great Northern Mall, represented CSC at the NFB Convention in Columbus last weekend and attends an Assistive Technology Fair in Medina on Friday.

What's Happening at CSC:

- CSC's Call Center contract with Cuyahoga County Job and Family Services has been renewed through December 31st, 2018. The mission of Cuyahoga County Job and Family Services is to promote economic self-sufficiency and personal responsibility for families by providing a broad range of quality services. Their vision is to be Ohio's premier leader in promoting the stability, health and economic well-being of children and families. Congratulations to the Call Center team for their great work and continuing to provide excellent service.
- Students in Bright Futures Preschool enjoyed their annual trick-or-treat through CSC on Tuesday, October 31st. Thanks to all staff who contributed goodies and well wishes to the youngsters. Check out the following Early Intervention kiddos who didn't miss out on the Halloween fun!



Johnny the construction worker



Olivia the bumble bee



Lexi the mermaid



Superman Max

- The Employment Services Department participated in an Employer Showcase and Job Fair hosted by Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) at the Holiday Inn Independence on Thursday, November 2nd. Rosalie Daley, Deborah Dalton, Desmond Kennedy, Judy Post and Kanden Tolbert hosted clients and job seekers at the event which featured over 40 employers including Giant Eagle, Lincoln Electric, University Hospitals and Verizon.

- The Therapeutic Recreation Department wrapped up October this week by teaching the basics of volleyball with seated adaptations. Join them next week for autumn leaf crafts, square dancing and bocce ball! Contact Mollie Evans (216-791-8118) for details.
- The Employment Services Department and the Consumer Council will host a Consumer Forum at CSC designed for job seekers who are blind or have low vision titled “Empowered through Employment: Job Readiness: What it means and what do you need to get there?” Learn what it takes to make the first steps toward reaching your full potential. Sharpen and enhance your skills as you prepare to enter the workforce. Learn what Job Readiness means and what it means to get there. The event will be Thursday, November 9th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium at CSC. The Forum is free, seating is limited to 50 attendees and registration is required. Questions or to register contact Ralph Johnson (216-791-8118) or email rjohnson@clevelandsightcenter.org.
- Mark your Calendars for #GivingTuesday on November 28th! We have two days for getting deals – Black Friday and Cyber Monday. #GivingTuesday is a day for giving back and is the opening day of the giving season – a reminder of the “reason for the season.” [Visit the CSC website](#) to learn how you can support Cleveland Sight Center! Be sure you’re following CSC on social media – we regularly post on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#). To stay up-to-date on our #GivingTuesday posts (and posts throughout the rest of the year) – click on the links above. We will be sharing more information on how you can help on #GivingTuesday in the coming weeks!
- Save the date for CYAS “Cookies & Milk with Santa” for CSC’s young clients and their families, held at CSC on Saturday, December 9th. Invitations will be sent out by CYAS in the near future. For more information about this invite-only event, contact Lorie Marsalis (216-791-8118).
- Upcoming Events at Highbrook Lodge for Adult Campers
Holiday at Highbrook

Friday, December 1st

Winter Weekend 2018

Friday, February 23rd (6:00 p.m.) – Sunday, February 25th (noon)

For both events camper paperwork needs to be completed and submitted by registration deadline. For more information email Lindsay at lsvarovsky@clevelandsightcenter.org.

Items of Note:

- It's time for the annual Delta Gamma Guest Bartender Food and Fun fund raising event. The event will be held Thursday, November 9th at Around the Corner located at 18616 Detroit Road, Lakewood, OH. Please join the Delta Gammas for the annual fun event benefiting Cleveland Sight Center and the Delta Gamma Foundation's Service for Sight philanthropy programs. The event is from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Calling all kid-friendly holiday wrapping paper! The CYAS department is having their annual Holiday Party on December 9th and all of the youngsters in attendance will receive a gift from Santa...so our elves need your help by bringing in a roll of wrapping paper or a donation for gift wrap to be purchased. Items can be given to Lorie Marsalis or Sylvia Snyder. Thank you in advance for being a Santa's Helper!
- A runner is aiming to be the first competitor who is blind in the New York City marathon using groundbreaking technology he helped develop. Simon Wheatcroft, who has a degenerative eye disease and was registered blind at age 17, is using a device that will let him know if he gets too close to other runners and warn him of obstacles in his path. Called Wayband, the technology consists of an arm band that, using GPS, emits small vibrations to guide Mr. Wheatcroft left and right. [Click here for the full article.](#)

Did You Know?

- Along with Halloween, falling leaves and football weekends, another rite of autumn is upon us: the end of daylight saving time, which will occur at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 5th. Remember to set your clocks back one hour. Credit (or blame) for this biannual shift is dated back to Benjamin Franklin, who published “An Economical Project for Diminishing the Cost of Light” in a 1784 journal after he noticed that people burned candles at night but slept past dawn.