



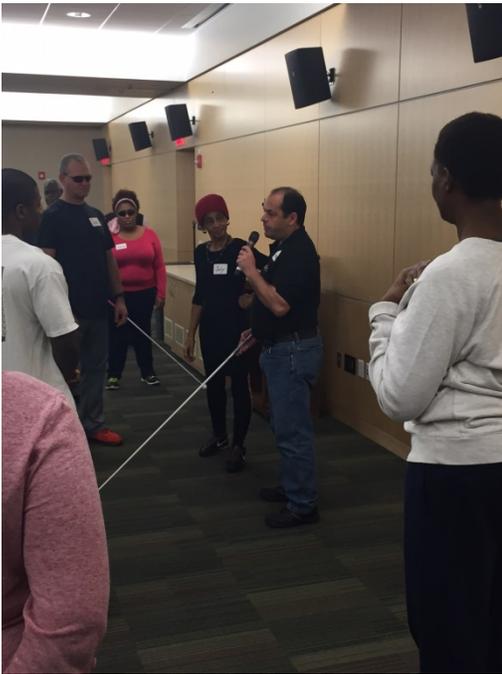
Keeping you “In the Know...” 12/9/16

CSC’s Annual Appeal is Underway:

- CSC’s [Annual Appeal](#) to donors and prospects dropped in the mail this week. This fall’s [Appeal](#), which supports all areas of the agency, highlights a variety of clients who have received services from the agency and the importance of CSC to his or her independence. This important piece of marketing collateral, which is designed like a card and different than recent [Appeals](#) which had been a letter format, is an important fundraising tool to CSC’s revenue stream. Thanks to the [Marketing and Development](#) teams for their hard work in getting this fall’s [Appeal](#) produced to continue to tell the CSC story.

Self-Defense Classes Held at CSC:

- CSC held self-defense classes at the agency on Monday, December 5th and Tuesday, December 6th. Feedback from many clients including how they feel unsafe and vulnerable when travelling outdoors in neighborhoods and communities mostly because of vision impairments and blindness led to this initiative. Trainings were filled to capacity of 25 clients per session and were provided by the group [1Touch](#) from California and sponsored by the Ohio Lions Foundation. WOIO Cleveland 19 stopped by to cover the classes for their newscast and website. [Click here](#) for the story.



Instructor Steve gives tips



Participants demonstrate technique



Instructor Steve shows a shoulder hold



Participants demonstrate ready position

Creating Awareness and Strengthening Partnerships for CSC:

- A second group of 9th graders from Hawken School visited CSC on Thursday, December 7th to learn about CSC and technology.
- Board Trustee [Bob Englander](#) hosted guests for a tour of the agency and lunch on Friday, December 9th.

- A group of volunteers from Gesu Parish completed activities at CSC on Saturday, December 3rd that included washing, taping and painting the [Recreation Room](#) and first floor hallways and moving a large quantity of furniture from the [Residence Center](#). The group was very interested in learning more about CSC and was given a tour by [Scott Malone](#).



Volunteers on a ladder paint the Recreation Room



Volunteers paint the lower half of the wall



Volunteer removes an outlet wall cover moved to the middle of the room



The Recreation Room with all equipment

Job Club Meets Next Week: Return of the Gong!

- Don't forget - the December [Job Club/Holiday Extravaganza](#) is Thursday, December 15th at 10:00 a.m. in the [Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium](#). Come see the house band, made up of CSC's [Randy Knapp](#), [Stephen Miller](#), [William Walls](#) and [Moreed Kamal](#) conducted by

[Ralph Johnson](#) bring down the house while they bring in eight sure-to-entertain acts! The gong style talent show is just what you need to get into the holiday spirit. All are welcome to attend, please check with your supervisor then RSVP to [Nicole Kahn](#) (216-791-8118) or nkahn@clevelandsightcenter.org to save your seat!

Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week:

- Looking for a beautiful way to present your gift of a bottle of wine this holiday season? The [Eyedeas Shop](#) is featuring beautiful homemade wine bottle/gift bags for the holidays crafted by [Sylvia Snyder](#). There are several patterns to choose from and the bags are made of cloth with a ribbon pull tie. Only \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00, come see the selection in the [Eyedeas Shop](#) while they last!



Variety of wine bags in holiday patterns and prints

- There's still time to purchase [Holiday Cards](#)! Stop by and check out the great selection this season.
- Can't make it to the [Eyedeas Shop](#) at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at www.eyedeashop.com and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

CYAS Holiday Happenings:

- All aboard the Polar Express! [Bright Futures Preschool](#) as well as families in the [CYAS](#) programs attended the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad's Polar Express Charity Run. This invitation was extended to organizations that support the community in an effort to spread holiday cheer to children and families. Riders boarded the train on Wednesday, December 7th for a scenic train ride through the Cuyahoga Valley National Park with a stop at the North Pole!
- The annual [CYAS Cookies & Milk with Santa](#) event is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th at CSC. For more information on this invitation-only event, please contact [Lorie Marsalis](#) (216-791-8118).
- The [CYAS](#) team has assembled 15 raffle baskets for the December 10th [CYAS Cookies & Milk with Santa](#) event. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5 and 13 for \$10 and are available for purchase through the end of this week. Baskets are located just across the bridge on the 2nd floor in the [CYAS](#) wing. Questions or to buy tickets, contact [Lorie Marsalis](#) (216-791-8118). Below is a list of the baskets:
 - Comfy, Cozy Quilt and Scottie – hand made for you!
 - Vera Bradley – robe, slippers, His/Hers mugs
 - Pizza Night – peel, pizza wheel, towel, hotpad, bottle of wine, cookbook, apron
 - Indians – cap, socks, cracker Jack, T-shirt, \$50 Heinen's gift card
 - Ohio Wine & Cheeseboard – Ohio shaped bamboo cutting board, 2 bottles of Ohio wine, Ohio tote bag, Houdini corkscrew
 - Hot Chocolate & TSO – TSO holiday CD, hot chocolate, mugs, k-cups, holiday plates
 - Tour of the Town – restaurant gift certificates (Harry Buffalo, Rebol, Barley House, Town Hall)
 - Lottery Ticket Tree
 - Custom Furniture – Custom made coffee table
 - Man Cave – beer sign, manly DVD
 - Solo Mio Wine Basket – wine, glasses, pasta, sauce, cookies, wine gift bag

- Wine Collection (12 bottles) – Chardonnay, Red blend, Pinot Grigio, Malbec, Petit Sirah, Zin/Syrah, 2 Cabernet, 4 Chianti
 - Beauty Basket – Lotus Blossom Gift Certificate (\$200), lip moisturizer & color lock
 - Bailey’s Irish Cream & Dunkin’ Donuts gift card (\$10)
 - Vintage & Rusty Junk – collection of “antiques” for home décor or gift giving
- How about a Christmas letter in Braille? Until December 16th, parents of children under age 10 can visit the National Federation of the Blind’s website and fill out, email or fax (410) 685-2340 a Santa Braille Letter request form. Braille letters from Santa will start going out to boys and girls who are blind across the country. The letter will include a print copy for mom and dad to read and some other fun Christmastime activities. [Click here](#) for the online form.
 - Please continue to clip and save Labels for Education UPCs, which can still be found on many Campbell’s and Pepperidge Farm products. The [CYAS department](#) is only 168 points away from 9,000, which would provide a \$100 Visa card for [Bright Futures Preschool!](#)



Congratulations, You’re AWESOME!

- Congratulations to [Scott Williams-Riseng](#), winner of the [Random Acts of Awesome Award](#), who was nominated by [Susie Meles](#). Congrats to all who were nominated for this award, including these semifinalists:
 - [Dr. Lidija Balciunas](#), nominated by [Ali Thomas](#)
 - [Phyllis Solomon](#), nominated by [Paul Rosenberg](#)
 - [Jim Hlavaty](#), nominated by [Tina Pringpuangkeo](#)
 - [Lindsay Lowe-Svarovsky](#), nominated by [Tina Pringpuangkeo](#)
 - [Toni Edwards](#), nominated by [Andrea Marley](#)

-Sherry Raymont, nominated by Tina Pringpuangkeo



Scott Williams-Riseng and Larry Benders

Items of Note:

- A high school yearbook staff surprised a student who is blind with a braille yearbook. "It was one of those really awesome moments that I would want to relive again," said senior Maycie Vorreiter. [Click here](#) for the full article.
- Fluffy Duck Café, across East 101st Street in the Innova building, opened this week with coffee and pastries. They expect to start their full menu offerings next week. Menus have been dropped off to CSC's front desk.

Did You Know?

- December, the 12th month of the year, brings us Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Years Eve. December is the last month in the Gregorian calendar. Its name is based on the Latin term for ten. In the Roman calendar, December was the tenth month until the addition of

January and February at the beginning of the year. In the Northern Hemisphere, December has the shortest daylight hours and marks the beginning of winter. December provides the longest days in Southern Hemisphere, as it is the beginning of summer. Some fun facts about December:

- The birthstone of December is turquoise.
- December 3 is International Day of the Disabled Person.
- On December 7, 1941 the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japanese planes which killed more than 2,300 Americans. This year marks 75 years since the attack.
- On December 3, 1967 the first heart transplant was completed.
- On December 17, 1903 the Wright Brothers made their first flight.
- December 27th is National Chocolate Day.