



Keeping You “In the Know...” 1/20/17

CSC Receives Grant from The Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Foundation:

- Cleveland Sight Center has been awarded a three-year grant of \$75,000 from The Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Foundation, which is a charitable trust dedicated to the support and advancement of healthcare in the Greater Cleveland community. The dollars will increase the subsidies available for low income clients and help maintain low vision services offered by CSC.

CSC Receives Audit Results:

- 82 percent of every dollar collected or raised by CSC goes directly to program services and the people served. That amount has been verified by the clean audit opinion of fiscal year 2016 that was recently completed by HW&Co CPAs and Advisors. CSC finished another positive year with a surplus from operations of \$370,490. Congratulations and thank you to all staff members for achieving this significant milestone, especially to the Fiscal Management team – Lynette Kelley-Carson, Charlotte Fornal, Frida Gudina, Kevin Krencisz, Gloria Medlen and Deborah Ruffin – for another successful audit. The statements are available on CSC’s website [here](#).

Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Scott Williams-Riseng and Bryan Manthey visited Cambridge, OH in Guernsey County on Tuesday, January 17th to provide orientation and mobility and daily living skills evaluations for a client of the Guernsey County Board of Developmental Disabilities who is visually impaired.

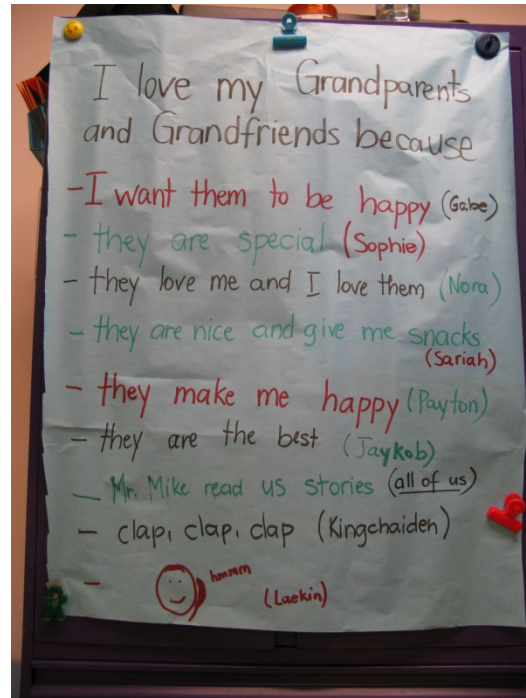
The goal of the 42 year old client is to move from the group home in which she is currently living to an independent living situation. Those who joined the evaluation included the client's county support administrator, the supervisor of Guernsey Residential (the organization that coordinates all group homes in Guernsey County) and the client's group home administrator. Results of the evaluations will be forwarded to the Guernsey County Board of Developmental Disabilities. It was a pleasure to provide these services and to learn that CSC's reputation extends far beyond what is generally considered our service area.

- A caller to Ideastream's "Sound of Ideas" daily news show spoke highly of CSC services during Tuesday's episode which featured some local companies that work with adapting homes to meet the needs of those with mobility issues and challenges.
- A group of educators attending a conference at Hawken School visited CSC on Thursday, January 19th to learn about experiential learning. Led by, Jon Asbornson, a teacher at Hawken school and CSC's Lisa Cellura, the group visited for a tour and learned about the partnership established between CSC and Hawken School which provides a hands-on learning module to students about vision and perception. Attendees ranged from educators from local schools, many states, and one attendee from both India and Australia!
- Peer Mentor Nicole Kahn and the Employment Services staff met with a lively group of consumers for this month's Job Club, held on Thursday, January 19th at CSC. Participants offered suggestions for future Job Club topics and/or speakers, shared job leads and issues they have encountered during their ongoing job searches and tested their knowledge of interviewing and job hunting skills. The meeting was an energetic exchange of ideas and support among everyone in the group.
- Students in Bright Futures Preschool celebrated "Grandparents/Grandfriends Day" on Wednesday, January 18th. The group enjoyed a muffins breakfast together, participated in story time about the "Giving Tree" and made a special craft. The preschoolers

also created a list that states “I love my Grandparents/Grandfriends because...” with some answers including “they are special” and “they love me and I love them.”



Payton reading a book with her grandmother



Preschoolers list of answers

- The Bright Futures Preschool class hosted another “Reading with Ranger” visit on Thursday, January 19th. Ranger Caitlin from the Cuyahoga Valley National Park read a book about “Too Many Carrots” to the students and then discussed animals from that book including a rabbit, squirrel, beaver and turtle. The class then learned a song about the animals and made a rabbit craft.



Students, teachers and rangers work on a craft

Coming Soon:

- As a community partner of the Cleveland Orchestra, CSC is eligible to enjoy the Music Study group discount for two winter concerts on Friday, February 24th at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday, March 12th at 3:00 p.m. Please use the PROMO CODE 28057 when calling the Severance Hall Box Office at 216-231-1111 to order tickets.
- Want to know about 2017 cost of living changes for your Social Security benefits? Still feel unsure about SSI, SSDI or how working may affect your benefits? Come to February's Job Club meeting when CSC welcomes Brandon Smith, Cleveland Public Affairs Specialist for the Social Security Administration. The group will meet on Thursday, February 16th at 10:00 a.m. in CSC's Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. For more information, contact Nicole Kahn (216-791-8118).
- A reminder Winter Weekend will take place at Highbrook Lodge the weekend of February 24th – 26th. Cost of the weekend is \$60/camper. Transportation to/from CSC is provided for an additional \$15/camper. To register please call the Camp Department (216-791-8118).
- Save the Dates for these CYAS summer programs. Contact Sylvia Snyder (216-791-8118) for additional information.
 - Bright Futures Preschool Day Camp for children with vision impairment/blindness entering or returning to preschool. Camp begins June 12th and ends July 14th; held at CSC Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - ABCs Day Camp for children ages 5-8 with vision impairment/blindness. Camp begins July 18th and ends August 5th; held at CSC Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week:

- Come check out the Eyedea Shop's new GNC 3-in-1 PillBox. It stores, splits and crushes pills for easy ingestion and costs \$10.75. The Eyedea Shop also has handmade lanyards featuring several designs including Valentine's Day. Lanyards are \$2.00 each through February 14th and proceeds benefit the CYAS department.



GNC's 3-In-1 PillBox

- Can't make it to the Eyedea 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!

Items of Note:

- The Call Center has new web pages that launched on Thursday! The pages have been built to have a similar look and feel of the main CSC website. To check out the work and information, [click here](#).
- New signage has been added to some areas of the building. A "Partners in Employment" sign has been added to the front lobby wall between Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium B and C. Some notable companies and their logos include Best Buy, KeyBank and Walmart.

Also, the CSC logo and agency information boards have been added to walls in the Low Vision Clinic to promote the CSC brand and other areas of the agency to patients and caregivers in the waiting room.



Partners in Employment sign



CSC logo above the frame racks

- Save the Date....Delta Gamma Cleveland East's Night at the Races returns to CSC's Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium on Saturday, April 29th. Proceeds will benefit CSC and more information about tickets and sponsorships coming soon.
- The world's first tablet for those who are blind was showcased at CES 2017, the global consumer electronics tradeshow held in Las Vegas January 5th – 8th. To read more, [click here](#).
- [Here's a link](#) to an article featured five start-up companies offering products to help those who are living with blindness or vision loss.

Did You Know?

- The coldest recorded day in Cleveland history was 20 degrees below zero, which occurred on January 19th, 1994. That day had a high temperature of three degrees below zero. The year 1977 had 20 below-zero days, the most in recorded history. On a warmer note, the first day of Spring is only two months away...Monday, March 20th!