



Keeping You “In the Know...” 1/5/18

Happy New Year!

- Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year! Another brand new year is here so recharge your energies and get set to enjoy. Thanks for your great work in 2017 and all the best in 2018!

Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- CSC recently received a \$7,500 grant from The Albert G. and Olive H. Schlink Foundation for general operating expenses. The Schlink Foundation has generously supported CSC consistently since 1988. CSC also received a \$5,000 grant from The Rite Aid Foundation as part of their Holiday Wishes Initiative part of the KidCents program.
- Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer made visits this week to Hamlet Village (Chagrin Falls), Grande Village, Legacy Place, Senior Apartments (all three in Twinsburg), Brookdale (Montrose), Concordia at Sumner (Copley), The Village of St. Edwards (Fairlawn) and Marymount Place (Garfield Hts.) to discuss CSC’s programs and services and Desmond Kennedy met with doctors and staff at Medina Eye Associates, Inc.

What’s Happening at CSC:

- Staff members working on the State of Ohio’s Help Me Grow centralized intake and referral program participated in training sessions this week for continuing education to best serve providers, referral


sources and parents wanting more information or to initiate services of the program.



Carol Levanoff leads a training session

- Mark your calendars for a great networking opportunity! The next Job Club meeting will be on Thursday, January 18th at CSC from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Kimberly Moss, Talent Manager from the Human Resources Division of Cuyahoga County Public Library will discuss employment opportunities with the library, the hiring process and what makes a good candidate stand out from the rest. Don't forget to bring copies of your resume and dress professionally. Contact Nicole Kahn (216-791-8118) for more information.
- CSC is recruiting young professionals to start a networking group that will focus on volunteering for opportunities offered by CSC, be ambassadors of the agency to raise awareness in the community and to assist in fundraising for CSC special events. The first event will be held Thursday, January 25th at CSC from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and will be a great evening of conversation, fun and discovery as input is gathered in further developing this group. Refreshments and free

parking will be available! For more information, contact Jessica Polack (216-791-8118).



Become a part of

CLEVELAND SIGHT CENTER YOUNG PROFESSIONALS


Meet other Young Professionals and change lives! Join us for a night of conversation, fun and discovery as we get your input in developing this group.

**January 25
2018**

5:30PM - 7PM

**1909
East 101st St.
Cleveland, OH**

RSVP to Jessica Polack: 216.658.4565 or jpolack@clevelandsightcenter.org
Refreshments and free parking provided!



Cleveland Sight Center

Our mission is to empower people who are blind or who have limited vision to realize their full potential and to shape the community's vision of that potential.

Invitation to the Young Professionals gathering

- Winter Weekend will take place at Highbrook Lodge the weekend of February 23rd – 25th. Campers will arrive to Highbrook Lodge at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening and depart at noon on Sunday. Cost of the weekend is \$65/camper. Transportation to/from CSC is provided for an additional \$15/camper. To register please call the Camp Department (216-791-8118).



The grounds of Highbrook Lodge covered in snow

Kudos from a Visitor:

- A visitor to the Eyedea Shop recently sent the following to CSC after stopping by the store:
 - “Today I took my 84 year old father to your store. He had hopes that there might be something to help him see better. Unfortunately, he found nothing. We did, however, find something almost as rewarding. Regina. She went above and beyond to try and help him. Her patience was amazing. Her tutorial exceptional. Her legitimate concern remarkable. As if this wasn't enough, when she welled up in tears as he explained that he recently loss his wife of 55 years and then daughter within a month it further confirmed for me what a special person she is. He left there, because of her, feeling better about not being able to see. That's invaluable.” Way to go, Regina!

Eyedea Shop's Featured Product of the Week: Pot Watcher

- The Pot Watcher is a small stainless steel round disc that is placed on top of a liquid inside a pot. When the liquid boils, it will rattle to alert you that the item you are waiting for to boil is boiling...thus the name! Now you don't have to stand and wait for that pot to boil anymore. The price is \$7.50.



Image of the Pot Watcher

- 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:

- Louis Braille's was born on January 4th, 1809 and his life and legacy is celebrated during the whole month of January, which has been declared Braille Literacy Month.
- January has also been declared as National Glaucoma Awareness Month by Prevent Blindness and other leading eye health organizations, in an effort to help educate the public on the disease, including risk factors and treatment options. Prevent Blindness offers a dedicated web page providing patients and their caregivers with additional free information at <http://www.preventblindness.org/glaucoma>.
- Are you a staff member who works with volunteers? Be sure to remind your volunteers to record their volunteer hours using the online

Volgistics portal found [here](#). When volunteers record their hours using the Volgistics portal your department can:

- Capture the impact volunteers make on clients and programs.
- Illustrate the difference volunteers make when applying for grants or pursuing funding.
- Reflect volunteer impact back to volunteers to thank them for their work and encourage them to continue making a difference.
- Use reports to attract new volunteer talent.

Volunteer hours should be recorded from October 2016 - present day.

Volunteers who need assistance learning to record can sign up for assistance [here](#) or can contact CSC Volunteer Services at 216-658-4581 or mbresnahan@clevelandsightcenter.org. Please have hours recorded by January 26th, 2018.

Did You Know?

- One dollar in 1918 equals more than \$16 now based on inflation. Also in 1918, the Cleveland Orchestra was established, Guarino's Restaurant opened in Little Italy, Sunday baseball became legal in Cleveland and in a game at Yankee Stadium, Indians pitcher Stan Coveleski set the club record for most innings pitched – 19 – as Cleveland beat the New York Yankees, 3-2. It was his third extra-inning game in 10 days.