

## Keeping You “In the Know...” 3/2/18

### Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Daniel Lester from the Lions Foundation of Ohio visited CSC this week to present a Victor Reader Trek talking book and GPS device to Darryl McLendon. The Lions Foundation works to provide these items through one of their programs identifying individuals who could benefit from the use of Victor Reader Treks and mini iPads.



Daniel Lester and Darryl McLendon shake hands

- Staff members Deborah Dalton, Kimberly Hudson, Nicole Kahn, Stephanie McLeod, Debbie Ruffin and Kanden Tolbert participated in the Work Incentives Planning training in Akron this week. The training, administered by Cornell University and sponsored by Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), focused on public benefits available and the incentives for working and financial independence. Work incentives pave the way to work and financial independence for recipients of public benefits. All public benefits programs and pensions provide incentives for recipients with disabilities to return to work. The “Ins and Outs of Becoming a Benefits Practitioner” introduced the practice to participants by providing suggestions as to how this

complex variety of work incentives, critically needed benefits and earnings can be described and explained to an individual with a disability to both encourage work and financial independence.

- Tom Sawyer presented assistive technology to nurses and technicians at the Ohio Ophthalmological Society's 2018 Annual Meeting in Columbus. Thanks to CSC's Anne Ellmers for inviting Tom to speak at the event.
- Tom Sawyer and Alicia Howerton made presentations at Wickliffe Senior Center, Lakewood Senior Center and attended an evening event for Lake County Council on Aging in Willoughby late last week. They reconnected with Lake County Council on Aging's CEO Joey Tomsick, who extended an open invitation for CSC to come back to speak on the agency's radio program. In addition, Mr. Tomsick accepted CSC's invitation to bring his staff for a tour of CSC in the near future.
- Additionally, Tom Sawyer and Alicia Howerton talked with front desk staff, managers and coordinators in multiple counties this week. Stops included O'Neil HealthCare (North Olmsted), Vitalia (Strongsville, not open yet), The Pavilion and Royalton Woods (North Royalton), Danbury Senior Living (Broadview Hts.), Regina Health Center (Richfield), Judson Park (Cleveland), Brookdale (Wickliffe and Willoughby locations), Gates Mills Club (Mayfield Hts.), The Fountains (Lyndhurst), Independence Village of Aurora, Anna Maria of Aurora, Gardens of Western Reserve (Streetsboro), Vista Springs (Concord Twp.), The Residence of Chardon, Maplewood at Heather Hill (Chardon). They connected with Director at Hamlet at Chagrin Falls, toured Lantern of Chagrin Valley (Chagrin Falls), Amelia Grace (Chesterland), Aria at Gates Mills, Windsor Heights (Beachwood) and Beachwood Commons. They also attended Summit County Senior Services networking meeting in Akron and gave a brief introduction of CSC services.
- Lisa Cellura, Cathy Javorsky and Avenue presented the "What Do You Do" program to the Mound Stem School in Cleveland on Monday and

to all third graders and staff at St. Albert the Great School in North Royalton on Tuesday.

- CSC will conduct a training session at the Apple Store at Crocker Park on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> for the store's staff members to inform and review the accessibility features on Apple products.

### Highbrook Lodge Celebrates 90 Years!

- Highbrook Lodge kicked off its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary year with a fantastic Winter Weekend adult camp from February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. The excellent crew of staff and volunteers were joined by 15 campers ages 21 to 66. Campers engaged in a variety of activities focusing on social, physical and emotional well-being and increasing overall independence. Activities included canvas art, STEM activities, bowling, improv and story telling, cardio drumming, bocce ball, meditation and chair exercises, a hike and cooking over the campfire. Campers were even treated to a Skype chat with former summer staff, Bobbie Szabo, who is currently serving as a United States Peace Corps Volunteer in Botswana! Campers were able to hear about the projects she is working on and what life is like in a developing country. To top the weekend off, evening programs focused around the Highbrook Winter Games and included spins on traditional Olympic winter sports! The three camper teams were victorious, taking home gold, silver and bronze medals!



Campers, volunteers and staff on a hike!

- Start spreading the news! Highbrook Lodge has kicked off 2018 summer camp registration! For the first time in its 90-year history registration will take place ONLINE! Interested individuals can be directed to the Highbrook Lodge website at [www.clevelandsightcenter.org/highbrook-lodge](http://www.clevelandsightcenter.org/highbrook-lodge) or to the Camp Team at [camp@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:camp@clevelandsightcenter.org) or 216-658-4596. Camp sessions are available for adults (21+), families (with clients ages 0-7), youth (7-14), and teens (15-21)! One-day trips are also available.

### CSC's Electronic Medical Record Project Continues:

- The software for the Electronic Medical Record system has now been installed and the team recently hired the planned staff member to help customize and support the new system. Next steps include onboarding the new team member and getting him up to speed on the project and scheduling interviews with CSC staff to discuss workflows and customization. While this is occurring, the IT team will continue to work on the infrastructure upgrades, new network core, new file server, email server and the terminal/remote desktop servers.

### What's Happening at CSC:

- Last week, the TR department traveled with a client to the Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) for a Touch Tour! The CSC group was met by a CMA team of docents and conservationists, who guided the client around different exhibits. The tour included being able to touch different statues and learn more about their history and importance. This Touch Tour was part of a new initiative launched by the museum to make all of their exhibits more accessible. The reviews of the tour were fantastic and the client says that he learned way more about the art than he would have on his own!
- Students in CSC's Bright Futures Preschool celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss and National Read Across America Day this week with lots of stories. The class read "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish" by Dr. Seuss and enjoyed some "fishy" activities – made a fish tank craft, counted fish crackers and practiced colors with fish. We also had a special pizza lunch with birthday cupcakes and instead of birthday hats the students wore blue "Thing One and Thing Two" hats.



Students play a fish game



Students enjoy the pizza party

- Vivian Mooney from Eschenbach Optik of America will visit CSC on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> for an assistive technology discussion and presentation of handheld magnifiers and video magnifiers including Smartlux, Visolux, Visolux XL and ML Zip, as well as a question and answer session. The event will be from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium at CSC. For additional information, contact Tom Sawyer (216-791-8118).

- CYAS Spring Fling takes place at CSC on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for CSC’s young clients and their families. For more information, please contact Lorie Marsalis (216-791-8118).
- The next BLAST event will be held Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> with a planned visit to Holden Arboretum. With questions or interest for this group of “tweens” please contact Kristen Callahan (216-791-8118).

### Eyedeas Shop’s Featured Product of the Week: Eyeglass Charms

- The Eyedeas Shop has a whimsical item as this week’s featured product of the week...eyeglass charms! Choose from a musical note, a pink peace sign or a green clover/shamrock charm. Attach to your eyewear or anywhere else to display. The charms make a sweet gift for a special someone or in an Easter basket. The charms measure about one-half inch and are priced at \$4.00 each. Stop in to check them out today!



Pink piece sign, green shamrock and silver music notes

- Can’t make it to the Eyedeas Shop at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at [www.eyedeashop.com](http://www.eyedeashop.com) and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

Items of Note:

- Do you have a sweet tooth? The National Federation of the Blind of Ohio presents their Malley's Easter candy Fundraiser, which will aid the organization to provide scholarships to deserving blind students and assist members to the 2018 National and State of Ohio Conventions and preserve the mission of the Affiliate. [Click here for the order form.](#)
- ADA Cleveland will be marching in this year's Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade starts at 1:04 p.m. on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Marchers must arrive by 12:00 p.m. at E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Superior Avenue. On-street parking and public lots are available nearby. Registrants will be contacted by March 9 with detailed instructions for drop off. Marchers who need assistance must attend with a responsible family member or caregiver. All those walking with ADA Cleveland are fully responsible for themselves before/during/after the parade. All those marching with ADA Cleveland agree to release and hold harmless ADA Cleveland and it's member organizations, from any liability, losses, injuries, and damages incurred by participation in the 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade. Participants must sign a waiver upon arriving at the meeting point. Attendees MUST RSVP to Chris Garr to reserve your spot: [cgarr@youthchallengesports.com](mailto:cgarr@youthchallengesports.com), 440-892-1001 x20. Deadline to register is Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Did You Know?

- The study of unidentified flying objects is called ufology.