

## Keeping You “In the Know...” 4/13/18

### Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Lindsay Svarovsky and Mollie Evans of the Therapeutic Recreation Department presented at the 25th annual American Camp Association MidStates Camp Conference this week. The conference, held outside of Chicago, Illinois, brings together over 600 camp professionals from all over the country. The conference focuses on highlighting current camp industry practices and fosters a community of inter-generational learning through hands-on, applicable presentations in a variety of focus areas, including: staff development, program management, diversity and inclusion, team-building, songs/games, facility management and more. Lindsay and Mollie presented in a two-hour Super Session on cardio-drumming and how to incorporate goal-based programming into camp programs. Session attendees commented on how excited they were to bring cardio-drumming back to their camp and eager to begin exploring goal based programming at their camps!



Mollie Evans and Lindsay Svarovsky demonstrate cardio drumming

- Lisa Cellura presented “Blindness Basics” to the Cleveland Ophthalmic Personnel Society at their quarterly meeting this week and Desmond Kennedy staffed an information table for doctors, technicians and staff members attending the event.
- Alicia Howerton and Desmond Kennedy presented “Blindness Basics” to a third group at the Euclid Fire Department this week.
- Laurie Schlickman presented CSC’s Early Intervention services to the Early Intervention team that handles Erie County.
- Tom Sawyer and Alicia Howerton met with the Executive Director of Lorain County Office on Aging, Lauren Burgess, who agreed to her staff distributing CSC brochures when they are in the community. Alicia and Tom also met with a representative of Vitalia Senior Living facilities this week and presented a program on the abilities of people who are blind to a class at Vermilion High School. They also visited Elms Retirement Village (Wellington), Plum Creek (Brunswick), attended the Medina County Senior Services Networking meeting where they presented the “Tips Talk” to a group of 90 people and concluded the week with the “Tips Talk” at King Kennedy Center in Cleveland and a presentation on Assistive Technology at Willoughby Senior Center.

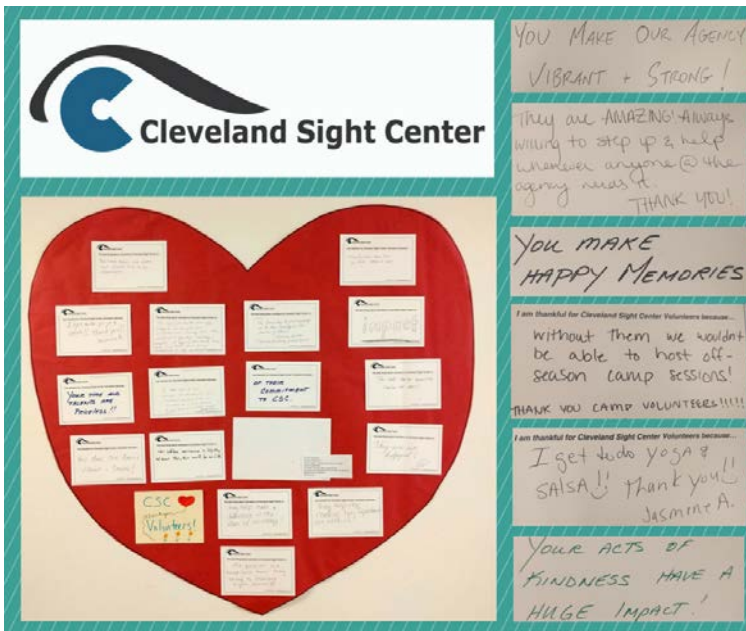
### What’s Happening at CSC:

- Members of the Delta Gamma chapter at Case Western Reserve University spent time volunteering at CSC on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the crew who helped clean Bright Futures Preschool...their hard work left the classroom gleaming!



Delta Gammas cleaning toys and cabinets in the preschool

- CSC's Call Center and Employment Department hosted a Hiring Event on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for open Call Center positions. The day had many applicants come to CSC and was the result of great collaboration among various CSC departments including the Call Center, Employment Services, Human Resources and Marketing. Thanks to Call Center Team Leads Min Joo Bruening, John Naples and Stephanie Webster for their assistance with the event.
- Thank you to all CSC staff who shared your love with volunteers for National Volunteer Month! Two hearts filled with your kind messages are displayed on the first floor in the north and south hallways to thank volunteers for all they do each day. Be sure to check them out!



Collage of volunteer notes including a large red heart with thank you messages

- The annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held at CSC on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and Volunteer RSVPs are required. Thanks to those staff members who signed up to help at the event.
- The Therapeutic Recreation (TR) department is planning two new programs and is looking for the names of clients who could benefit from them. First, TR will be putting on a four-week Relaxation Management and Coping Skills program starting April 16<sup>th</sup>. The program will meet every Monday for four weeks (April 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>) from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The program will cover such topics as identifying stressors, healthy coping mechanisms and planning goals. Additionally, they will be collaborating with Independent Living to put on a four-week cooking program starting April 18<sup>th</sup>. The cooking program will meet on Wednesdays for four weeks (April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>) from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The program will cover some of the basics of cooking and healthy eating.

Both programs will be held at CSC and participants will need to have their own transportation. Participants must have documented vision loss and be over the age of 18. Do you know of someone who could benefit from one or both of these programs? If so, please contact Mollie Evans ([mevans@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:mevans@clevelandsightcenter.org) or 216-791-8118).

Spots are limited, but want to provide this for those who can truly benefit. If these programs are successful, more of these programs and others may be offered in the future.

### Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week: Silicone Tong Set

- The Silicone Tong Set is a must-have for any kitchen. Great for turning burgers or retrieving corn on the cob from the pot or platter, turning fried foods or just as salad tongs. Two sizes come in the set. The large tong is 14" and the small tong is 11". Both have silicone on the tips and the handles for hot items and have a lock to keep them closed and contained in the drawer or utensil jar. The Eyedeas Shop's price is \$20.00 for the pair.



Silicone tong set

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

### Items of Note:

- In an effort to make braille more accessible in signage and printed media, Tokyo-based designer Kosuke Takahashi has hit upon a

solution that merges those characters with English and Japanese alphabets, so they appear in the same place. Essentially, the fonts in Takahashi's Braille Neue typeface feature characters overlaid with their braille equivalents (with the dotted symbols embossed). To read more, [click here](#) for the article.

- CSC is a participating charity of AmazonSmile, where online retailer Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to charitable organizations selected by the customer. Visit the [website here](#) and pass along to family and friends to select Cleveland Sight Center as the recipient of a donation on your next AmazonSmile purchase!

### Did You Know?

- According to the Smithsonian there are about 5,000 commercial aircraft in flight over the United States at any given moment and almost twice that (9,728 average) throughout the world.