

## Keeping You “In the Know...” 4/20/18

### Thank You Volunteers!

- CSC recognized agency volunteers at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup>. This year’s dinner was a baseball-themed event titled “Volunteers are the Big Leagues.” Guests were welcomed by CSC President and Chief Executive Officer Larry Benders and Volunteer Manager Melissa Bresnahan, then treated to an evening of conversation, great food, a gift and raffle prizes as a small token of CSC’s appreciation for their generosity in donating their time and talent. Last year, over 450 volunteers donated over 11,000 hours to the agency – a value of over \$285,000! Thank you Volunteers!



Larry Benders welcomes the volunteers



Melissa Bresnahan says thank you

### Coming Soon: White Cane Walk!

- This year’s **WHITE CANE WALK** is less than two months away! On behalf of the White Cane Walk Committee, chaired by Board Trustee

Sara Parish, we invite you to join us for a 1 mile walk and other fun activities to raise funds and awareness for CSC. This year's event will once again be held right here at CSC on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>! Register to walk, join a CSC staff member's or Board Trustee's team or create your own a team (adults \$15 includes event t-shirt; children 10 and under are free) at [www.whitecanewalk.org](http://www.whitecanewalk.org).

**WHAT IS WHITE CANE WALK?** White Cane Walk is CSC's annual event to raise critical dollars needed to support our mission and raise awareness of our agency and the services we provide. Over its 13-year history, White Cane Walk has raised over \$665,000 in support of CSC. These funds are vital to keep many programs and services available to clients, many of which are not covered by medical insurance, including white canes. This event is also a great way to show family, friends and colleagues the fantastic agency that is CSC.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?** Register to walk, join a CSC staff member's team or create your own a team! Share the event with everyone you know! Spread the word on social media, send emails to friends and share the event brochure with others. Can't make it on June 2<sup>nd</sup>? Please consider a donation to this year's CSC team.

If you have any questions or would like help setting up a team please contact Steve Frohwerk (x4562 or [sfrohwerk@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:sfrohwerk@clevelandsightcenter.org)) .

### Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Carol Levanoff and Jassen Tawil represented CSC and the Help Me Grow program at a statewide home visiting summit in Columbus on Monday.



Help Me Grow information table

- Diane Shinn from the Department of Medicaid visited CSC this week to learn more about the agency and Call Center. Diane is the program manager for the Call Center's Ohio Benefits Long Term Services and Supports contract.
- CSC's Braille department secured a contract with Medical Mutual to provide insurance and benefit information in accessible formats including Braille, large print and audio description.
- Lisa Cellura, Cathy Javosky and Avenue presented various programs at the Avon Branch of the Lorain Library this week. Lisa Cellura also presented a introductory program on Braille to a group of Boy Scouts. Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer presented the "Tips, Tools and Techniques" program at Brighton Gardens of Westlake and attended a health fair at Summit Point assisted living facility in Macedonia. Desmond Kennedy represented CSC at the Willoughby Senior Center's health fair and visited with staff members at The Weils senior living facility in Chagrin Falls.

### What's Happening at CSC:

- The EMR project continues to make progress towards implementation. The software has been installed and is being tested as the team works through components including accessibility, integration of forms and

billing options, as well as getting various assessments and tools integrated and working properly. Information regarding detailed staff trainings will be announced soon.

- Winner's Club met this week at CSC and enjoyed a presentation from Fallon Peterson, Aging Services Administrator at City of Cleveland who discussed services available to those with vision loss.
- The Therapeutic Recreation (TR) department started a four-week Relaxation Management and Coping Skills program this week. The program will cover topics including identifying stressors, healthy coping mechanisms and planning goals.
- The TR team is collaborating with Independent Living to put on a four-week cooking program that begins next week. The cooking program will meet on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. covers some of the basics of cooking and healthy eating. Contact Mollie Evans ([mevans@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:mevans@clevelandsightcenter.org) or ext. 4597) for more information on these programs.
- A group of volunteers from the Cleveland Institute of Music visits CSC today, Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> for a “done-in-a-day” project to assist with various tasks around the agency.
- CSC welcomed two new volunteers Evan Leeson (left in photo below) and Caitlin Beck (right in photo below) to the Visionaries young professionals group during volunteer orientation. The Visionaries is a group that works to support Cleveland Sight Center's mission while developing leadership skills and networks that will prepare them to be the next generation of leadership at CSC or in the community.



Evan Leeson and Caitlin Beck

## Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week: Good Grips Jar Opener

- The Eyedeas Shop's newest item is the OXO Good Grips Jar Opener. Why struggle with jars that are almost impossible to open by hand? With this new jar opener it can be a breeze to open those pickles, spaghetti sauce or sauerkraut. It accommodates all size jars, it has a stainless steel tooth jar grip, non-slip grip handles and is dishwasher safe for easy cleaning. The price is \$13.50.





Good Grips jar opener

- Can't make it to the Eyedea 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:

- A court decision recently ruled the state of Ohio must provide accessible absentee ballots, to be available by the November election. [Click here for the article.](#)
- An article titled "6 Ways to Make Your Careers Site More Accessible" was recently posted on the Society for Human Resource Management's website. [Click here for the article.](#)
- Speaking of accessibility, check out this article how Amazon's accessibility teams work to level the playing field and make friction-free shopping available to everyone. [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?

- The word “rhinorrhea” has nothing to do with rhinos...it actually refers to a runny nose. The word comes from the Greek “rhino” which means “of the nose” and “rrhoia” which means “flow”. One of the most common usages of this word is used to describe a symptom of allergies.