



Keeping You “In the Know...” 4/21/17

Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees is May 4th:

- CSC’s Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees is Thursday, May 4th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Corporate College East. The evening will consist of a board meeting, year in review, Partner for Life award presented to Delta Gamma Sorority and Alumnae and featured conversation with friend of CSC and fashion designer Stephanie Nunn.

A Night at the Races to Benefit CSC:

- Reservations for “A Night at the Races” are due TODAY, Friday, April 21st. The event is hosted by Delta Gamma Cleveland East and will be held at CSC on Saturday, April 29th from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit CSC!

To purchase tickets, sponsor a horse or race, place an ad or make a donation, [click here](#). Tickets are \$30 each which includes dinner and an exciting evening of horse racing. Betting is optional and starts at \$2.

Educating the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Lisa Cellura met with a representative of the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center on Monday, April 17th to discuss CSC’s programs and services and identify dates for the two agencies to collaborate on staff training opportunities. On Tuesday, April 18th Lisa presented a program at Victory Circle, a social club for residents of east-side suburbs that meets the third Tuesday of every month in Chagrin Falls. CSC was well represented at The Weils assistive living

health and wellness fair on Wednesday, April 19th as Lisa Cellura, Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer presented a variety of programs and services to seniors and caregivers, including the “Aging Eye” program and assistive technology demonstrations. Desmond Kennedy attended a health fair at the Cleveland Orchestra on Tuesday, April 18th and represented CSC at the city of Strongsville Senior Center’s Senior Health & Fitness Day on Thursday, April 20th. Desmond also visited Trepke Vision Care in Strongsville this week.

- Nicole Kahn, Susie Meles, Judy Post, Paul Rosenberg, Sylvia Snyder and Kanden Tolbert visited with the Akron OOD/BSVI office on Thursday, April 20th to provide program updates and further cement the ongoing partnership with CSC.
- CSC and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History (CMNH) have recently partnered on accessibility projects. CSC is supporting CMNH’s March for Science on Saturday, April 22nd. The national march focuses on the importance of science in our lives and the passion associated with exploring ideas and solving the unknown. The Cleveland March is led by a core group of science-based organizations working with the Gund Foundation with a goal being a non-partisan, politics-free event – a march for science, and especially for science in our region. March activities begin at 9:00 a.m. on Public Square. The entire event is family friendly. Any CSC staff, Trustees, clients or volunteers interested in walking, contact Mollie Evans (216-791-8118).

What’s Happening at CSC and Highbrook Lodge:

- Cleveland Sight Center was awarded a grant to teach Beginners Braille through Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities and Adult Basic and Literacy Education. The program began this week with nine participants and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays through June 29th. Contact Susie Meles (216-791-8118) for additional information.
- More big news from the Braille department! The wonderful transcribers who volunteer for Braille department have some dedicated fans...the

agency's newest contract comes from Cleveland State University, who ordered another \$12,000 in Braille and tactile graphics for the fall. The department is also getting a new double-sided embosser thanks to a generous donation. The new embosser will be the speedy Juliet 120 which has some great new features - such as sideways embossing! The Braille team also has a new Braille Transcription Volunteer and a Large Print Volunteer thanks to the recruitment and hard work of Volunteer Manager Melissa Bresnahan. If you know of an organization or business needing transcribing services please have them contact Jennifer Dean at 216-791-8118 or jdean@clevelandsightcenter.org.

- CSC's Job Club welcomed friend of CSC Robert Campbell, a successful private attorney and Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist for the Cleveland Veterans Administration Office of Resolution Management, to the Thursday, April 20th meeting at CSC. Robert shared his own experience of searching for employment as an individual with a vision impairment and provided information regarding the expungement of criminal records. Contact Nicole Kahn (216-791-8118) for details on the May meeting of Job Club.
- Registration for upcoming summer 2017 camp sessions at Highbrook Lodge is now OPEN! The 2017 schedule with additional information is posted on the Highbrook Lodge pages of CSC's website, [click here](#). Any questions, contact the Camp team at 216-791-8118.
- CSC provides a wide range of activities for school-age children that are key to developing confidence and independence. The following CYAS programs are scheduled for this summer. Contact Sylvia Snyder (x8777) for more information.
 - Bright Futures Summer Day Camp (preschool ages)
 - ABCs Summer Day Camp (ages 5 – 8)
 - Career Exploration program (ages 14 – 16)
 - Summer Youth Work Experience program (ages 16 – 22)

[Click here](#) for each program's details posted on CSC's website.

National Volunteer Week: April 24 – 28

- This year, National Volunteer Week is April 24-28. During that week, different events and activities are planned to help CSC staff members thank volunteers for all they do for the agency. Volunteers are vital to the success of CSC's programs. Last year, over 800 volunteers registered 13,633 hours, a value of \$321,193 to CSC!

Photo Challenge, Due Friday, 4/28 5:00 p.m.

Below, the CSC Marketing department and Development department pose for an example of an entry to the photo contest for National Volunteer Week. The teams demonstrate the before and after of what their lives look like both with and without volunteers. Submit your entry for the National Volunteer Week photo challenge to Melissa Bresnahan at mbresnahan@clevelandsightcenter.org by Friday April 28th at 5pm for your chance to win a pizza party!



Pictured at the top, the CSC Marketing team and Development team is disorganized and frazzled! In the bottom photo, the team is put together nicely and is organized thanks to the work of volunteers who work with them.

Coffee, Doughnuts and Conversation, Client Hub

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Invite the volunteers you work with to enjoy a cup of joe with you before or after their volunteer shift (or invite them to come even if they are not scheduled)! Enjoy the time together smashing on some delicious doughnuts, getting to know the volunteer who works for you better, and meet volunteers from other departments. This quality time is sure to make the volunteers who work with you feel appreciated and full!

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Clyde E. Williams Jr. Auditorium Thursday 4/27, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

This special dinner is designed to help volunteers understand that CSC values them for all they do. Activities will include a lovely dinner, a special thank you to retiring Braille Transcriber volunteers and a raffle! Volunteers must RSVP to Melissa Bresnahan x4581. Any staff members able to serve the volunteers at this event and any department who would like to donate to the raffle, please contact Melissa Bresnahan at mbresnahan@clevelandsightcenter.org or at 216-791-8118.

Thank You Day!, Client Hub

Friday 4/28 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

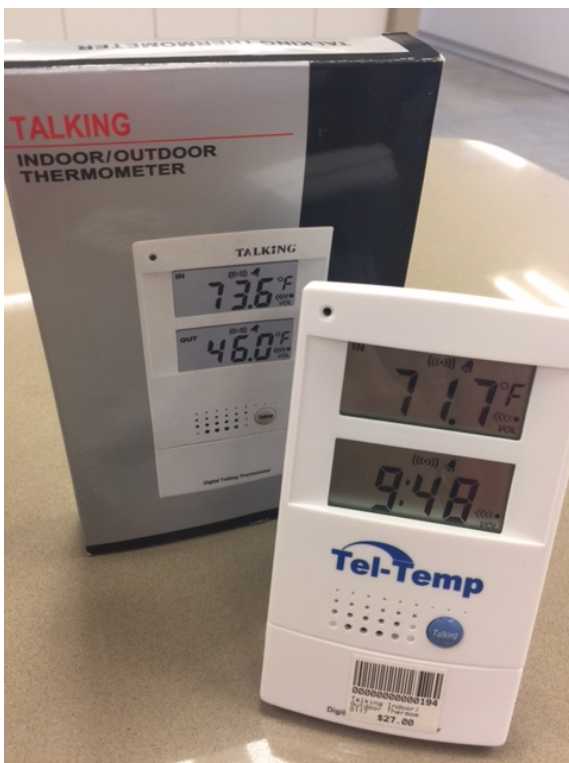
This event is open to anyone who appreciates volunteers (Board Trustees, staff, clients, volunteers who appreciate other volunteers, etc.)! Stop by the Client Hub as your schedule allows: listen to some fun music, tap into your creative side, and make or write a beautiful thank you card for a volunteer you know (or donate one to volunteer services to give to a CSC Volunteer).

- Do you have a volunteer who deserves some praise for all they do? Nominate that volunteer for Feel Good Friday! Feel Good Friday will take place the first Friday of every month debuting in May. All volunteers nominated for Feel Good Friday will receive a thank you call from the Volunteer Manager. One volunteer selected as the winner for each month will get free coffee/tea and some one-on-one time with CSC staff and be featured in “In The Know.” Nominations for Feel

Good Friday are due by the last Monday of every month; get yours in today for the period April 7th – 24th and see if your volunteer is featured in the Friday, May 5th “In The Know”, the first Feel Good Friday! [Click here](#) to get started or contact Melissa Bresnahan (216-791-8118).

Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week: Talking Indoor/Outdoor Talking Thermometer

- The Indoor/Outdoor Talking Thermometer will announce the indoor and outdoor temperature at a designated alarm time, on the hour or when the button is pressed. It can be set for Fahrenheit or Celsius temperatures and can also tell you the high and the low temperature with a time stamp. It also features a large LCD display for easy viewing, an on/off button and a volume control. It uses 2 UM4 AAA batteries. The Eyedeas Shop's price is \$27.00.



Indoor/outdoor talking thermometer

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

Items of Note:

- With a last-minute push from friend of CSC Barbara Benz and the American Legion ladies, Bright Futures Preschool reached its goal of 9,000 points through the Labels for Education program, equaling a \$100 Visa card for classroom needs! Thanks to everyone who saved labels to support the preschool!
- Eric Juyoon Kim, one of Forbes' 30 Under 30 Asia 2017 finalists, recently launched Dot Watch, a sleekly designed silent assistive device that can display scrolling messages four braille characters at a time and send simple replies or actions through the two side buttons. [Click here](#) for the full article.

Did You Know?

- Ohio was a leader in developing modern-day professional football from its beginnings in the early 20th century. The American Professional Football Association was founded in 1920 in Canton, Ohio, and later adopted the name of the National Football League (NFL). Five of the league's first teams were from Ohio: The Akron Professionals, Canton Bulldogs, Cleveland Tigers, Columbus Panhandles and the Dayton Triangles. Because the history of the NFL is so deeply rooted in Ohio, the Pro Football Hall of Fame was opened in Canton in 1963, and has since expanded its museum to include five buildings over 80,000 total square feet, and has approximately 200,000 visitors per year. Today, Ohio is home to two NFL franchises, the Cincinnati Bengals and the Cleveland Browns. Ohio also contributes something important to every NFL game: the football. Ada (Hardin County) is home to the Wilson Football Factory, the only dedicated football manufacturing plant in the world. Every ball used in the NFL comes from the Ada factory.