



Keeping You “In the Know...” 4/8/16

Continuing to Tell Our Story...in Columbus:

- As we continue to tell the CSC story, [Larry Benders](#) and [Jassen Tawil](#) spent Tuesday, April 5th in Columbus, OH meeting with nine state of Ohio legislators and representatives of the state government listed below. The visits were very positive as we continue to educate and inform staff and elected officials at the state level.
 - [Senator Bill Coley](#), Ohio Senate District 4
 - [Representative Tim Brown](#), Ohio House District 3
 - [Senator Scott Oelslager](#), Ohio Senate District 29
 - [Representative Robert Sprague](#), Ohio House District 83
 - [Representative Barbara Sears](#), Ohio House District 47
 - [Senator Dave Burke](#), Ohio Senate District 26
 - Mary Cusick, Chief, Office of TourismOhio
 - Kelly Reidenbach, Senior Policy Advisor to Speaker Rosenberger
 - John McCarthy, Director, Ohio Department of Medicaid

Coming Soon: White Cane Walk:

- This year’s [White Cane Walk](#) is Saturday, June 18th at Legacy Village. The event will again feature the [White Cane Walk](#), a [5K Run](#), and NEW THIS YEAR, a [1-Mile Stroll!!!](#) Registration is now open for all components of this fun-filled, educational, fundraising, and outreach showcase of CSC! [Click here to register](#) and don’t forget to start your own fundraising team as well! For more information, contact [Steve Frohwerk](#) (216-791-8118).

Coming Sooner: CSC’s Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Foresight Society Recognition:

- The [Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees](#) is Thursday, May 5th at Corporate College East from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. This year's [Annual Meeting](#) will be an evening reception and will feature progress the agency has made over the year. In addition, those members of CSC's [Foresight Society](#) will be recognized. The [Foresight Society](#) was established to honor all those who have made the commitment of an endowment gift, established a life income plan, or have made provisions in their estate plans to benefit CSC. For additional information on the [Annual Meeting](#), contact [Steve Frohwerk](#) (216-791-8118).

Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- [Desmond Kennedy](#) led an introduction to goalball session last Friday to students in the Case for Sight service organization at Case Western Reserve University. [Desmond](#) was joined by [Lisa Cellura](#), [Anthony Easley](#), [Tamara Flowers](#), [Steve Frohwerk](#), and [Alicia Howerton](#). The students were very engaged in the activity and look forward to introducing the sport to more students on campus.



Desmond Kennedy explains the rules of goalball



Participant shows how to body block the ball

- The [Community Engagement](#) team had another busy week. On Monday, [Lisa Cellura](#) presented the “[Aging Eye](#)” program to the MARC Apartments in Cleveland. She presented “[Blindness Basics](#)” and

helpful tactics on making art accessible to a sculpture class at Cleveland State University on Tuesday, which will be featured at an art showing at CSC on Thursday, May 12th and Friday, May 13th. More details to come on the art show, but all CSC clients, staff, Trustees, and friends of the agency are welcome to attend this free event. On Friday, students and staff at St. Albert the Great School in North Royalton are presented a program in adaptive sports by [Lisa Cellura](#), [Alicia Howerton](#), and volunteer Mike Musgrave.

- CSC's sponsored film at this year's Cleveland International Film Festival, titled "Notes on Blindness," was shown twice this week at Tower City Cinemas. [Lisa Cellura](#) and Board Trustee [Sheryl King Benford](#) introduced the film and spoke about CSC's programs and services prior to Wednesday's and Thursday's showings, respectively.

Highbrook Lodge Receives Facilities Report:

- CSC received a summary report from the Cincinnati Insurance Companies after their annual Loss Control inspection and visit to [Highbrook Lodge](#). The inspection included recent updates on electrical services, renovation projects, exit signs and emergency lighting, building conditions, equipment, swimming pool, and pathways. As a result of the survey, no formal recommendations for improvement were provided. From the inspector, "May I say that the buildings look in as good of shape as I have seen them in the past. Keep up the good work." Congratulations to Camp Ranger [Kevin Pye](#), Camp Manager [Lindsay Lowe](#), Director of Facilities [Chris Gruber](#) and the [Facilities](#) staff for this positive report on one of CSC's great assets.

National Volunteer Week Begins:

- National Volunteer Week is April 10th – 16th! CSC will honor and recognize our invaluable volunteers with events and activities all week, with the [Volunteer Appreciation Dinner](#) on Thursday, April 14th at CSC. The event will be from 5:30pm – 7:30pm with doors opening at

5:00pm. Staff that work with directly with volunteers are encouraged to attend as we say thank you to our volunteers for their service. Staff wishing to work the [Volunteer Appreciation Dinner](#) should obtain permission from your supervisor. Any questions about Volunteer Week can be directed to [Megan Koeth](#) (216-791-8118).

April Job Club – Financial Basics:

- The next gathering of the [Job Club](#) will be Thursday, April 28th from 10:00am – 11:30am in the [Library Conference Room](#) at CSC. The group will discuss “Financial Basics” with guest presenter Sharron Murphy-Williams, Founder and Executive Director of the Phe’be Foundation, a non-profit organization that teaches financial literacy education to members of our communities. Topics to be addressed include:
 - How to manage your current income and create a budget
 - How and/or why to open bank accounts
 - What to expect in a paycheck from your employer

For more information on the [Job Club](#), contact [Nicole Kahn](#) (x4686).

CYAS Offers Braille Basics:

- The [CYAS Department](#) is offering a [Braille Basics](#) seminar to the families and friends of our youngest clients. The program will be four sessions held on Wednesday evenings beginning May 4th at CSC from 5:30pm – 7:00pm and goals include:
 - 1) An introduction to the wonderful world of Braille – a tactile system of reading and writing for people who are blind or have low vision.
 - 2) To experience the Perkins Brailier – the starting point for assistive technology for Braille students.
 - 3) To provide activities and strategies to stimulate and support your child in this route to literacy.
 - 4) To expose attendees to some of the many types of devices that produce Braille.

There is no cost to the sessions but enrollment is limited. To register or for more information, contact [Sylvia Snyder](#) (216-791-8118).

Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week:

- This week's featured product in the [Eyedeas Shop](#): LOCK LACES. Never waste time tying shoes again with LOCK LACES™. The original patented one-size-fits-all design is easy to install, provides everyday stretch fit comfort, and eliminates the hassle of fumbling with shoelaces. LOCK LACES™ are available in 19 colors (10 original and 9 reflective), so you can find the perfect match for ANY shoe! Price is \$8.00. The LOCK LACES™ Advantage:
 - Runners love that LOCK LACES accommodate the changing terrain and foot fatigue.
 - Triathletes love LOCK LACES because of the quick transition ability from bike to run.
 - Seniors enjoy not having to bend down or fumble with laces and easily slipping on and off their shoes. The elasticity allows expansion to accommodate swelling feet without loss of stability.
 - Travelers appreciate that LOCK LACES make going through airport security quick and easy.
 - Parents love LOCK LACES because they offer security of shoelaces never coming undone. Great for outdoor play and bike safety.
 - Kids love LOCK LACES simply for the ease of not having to tie shoelaces, and because having the right colors make your shoes look great!



Image of three packages of Lock Laces

- 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:

- The [Consumer Council's Technology Fair](#) will be Thursday, April 28th at CSC from 11:00am – 3:00pm in the [Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium](#). For more information on the [Technology Fair](#), contact [Anthony Easley](#) (x8751).
- There is a new Bonus Offer in effect for the Labels for Education UPC program. For just 5 UPCs, [Bright Futures Preschool](#) can receive 50 points. Please bring any UPCs to [Lorie Marsalis](#) in CYAS or put them in the container in the [Employee Hub](#), where a list of eligible products is posted. This offer must be mailed in before May 13th. Thanks for remembering those labels as we earn important funds for [Bright Futures Preschool](#)!



Did You Know?

- The official tax filing deadline for 2016 is Monday, April 18th. Traditionally, the deadline is April 15th of every year. Why the extra three days this year? [Click here](#) to learn more.