



Keeping You “In the Know...” 5/5/17

CSC Holds Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees:

- CSC’s Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Thursday, April 27th at Corporate College East. Board Trustees, staff, donors, volunteers and many other friends of CSC enjoyed this evening reception event. The meeting began with Board Chair Tom Furnas welcoming all and was followed by Trustee Bill Spring, who presented the report of the Board Development and Nominating Committee and presented the slate of trustees for the coming year. CSC welcomes Lynn Heiligenthal-Showalter and Nate Kelly as new members of the Board of Trustees and congratulates Bob Englander on his election as a Life Trustee. The Board then approved a change in CSC’s fiscal year end to a calendar year end, effective December 31, 2017. Larry Benders followed with his remarks on the last year and where the agency is headed in 2017. The Board then held the election of Officers and members of the Executive Committee. Congratulations to the new officers of the Board:
 - Sheryl King Benford, Chair
 - Robert L. Hartford, III, Vice Chair
 - Charles K. Koster, MD, Vice Chair
 - Jill Marcotte, Vice Chair
 - Sara W. Parish, Vice Chair
 - Douglas A. Piper, Vice Chair
 - Linda Cornell Smythe, Vice Chair
 - Wally Anders, Treasurer
 - Joan U. Allgood, Secretary

Tom Furnas presented his thoughts as his two-year term as Board Chair concluded, then passed the gavel to Board Chair-Elect Sheryl King Benford, who outlined her vision for the next year. The evening’s

program concluded with the “Partner for Life Award” presented to the Delta Gamma Fraternity, which was represented by three chapters, the Case Western Reserve University Theta Beta chapter, Delta Gamma West Shore Alumnae and Delta Gamma East Alumnae, and a wonderful conversation with fashion designer and former CSC client Stephanie Nunn, moderated by Marcia Houston. Marcia and Stephanie provided a fantastic presentation discussing empowerment, vision loss, passion and design that wrapped up a great evening for CSC.

Thanks to those who attended and assisted with the Annual Meeting. The room was full of energy, excitement and great spirits as CSC continues to move forward!



Tom Furnas welcomes the group



Larry Benders recognizes CSC staff



Sheryl King Benford and Tom Furnas



Group photo of Delta Gammas



Marcia Houston introduces Stephanie Nunn



Stephanie Nunn tells her story



CSC staff at the registration table



Marcia Houston, Alicia Howerton, Jack Desmond, Trustee John O'Brien

Coming Soon: White Cane Walk!

- On behalf of the White Cane Walk Committee, Chaired by Trustee Sara Parish, we invite you to join us for a 1.25 mile walk (and other fun activities) to raise funds and awareness for CSC. This year's event will be held right here at 1909 East 101st Street on Saturday, June 3rd!

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.

WHY SHOULD YOU WALK? Over its 12-year history, White Cane Walk has raised over \$550,000 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 we call our work "home".

WHAT'S NEW? This year's walk will include a traditional 1.25 mile walk starting at CSC and heading towards the Art Museum Lagoon, where walkers will circle the lagoon's paved pathways and head back to CSC. After the walk, participants will be able to try activities of daily living, including walking with a white cane through the Empowerment Park! The Cleveland Metroparks NatureTracks interactive vehicle will be on site too! A balloon artist and face painter will be here in addition to music, dancing, contests and food so there is something for everyone at White Cane Walk!

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Register to walk (adults \$15 includes event t-shirt; children 10 and under are free) at www.whitecanewalk.org or set up a fundraising team to share with family and friends (www.whitecanewalk.org). Consider helping as a volunteer by contacting Melissa Bresnahan at x4581. Exact volunteer duties are being finalized by the White Cane Walk Committee but there will be a need for event set up, sighted guide partners, raffle, and tear down. (Staff needed to perform their work functions that day have already been contacted.)

HOW ELSE CAN YOU HELP? Share the event with everyone you know! Spread the word on social media. Can't make it? Please consider a donation to this year's event or a team.

For more information, visit www.whitecanewalk.org or contact Steve Frohwerk (216-791-8118) with any questions or help setting up a team. Thanks for your continued support of CSC!

Educating the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Lisa Cellura presented a program to the English Nanny Governance School in Chagrin Falls regarding preschool development and vision issues with children on Tuesday, May 2nd. Desmond Kennedy attended the Cleveland Clinic Langston Hughes facility on Thursday, May 4th to represent CSC in their kickoff for a six-week fitness challenge.

Desmond also visited two locations of Cleveland Eye Care and Surgery Inc. this week, making stops in Beachwood and Garfield Hts.

- Congratulations to Monica Owen, Occupational Therapist and Early Intervention Specialist in CYAS, for receiving her CVI (Cortical Vision Impairment) endorsement. Monica now joins Barb Williams in achieving this milestone. Only three people in the state of Ohio have accomplished this – and two of them work here at CSC!
- Kanden Tolbert of CSC's Employment Department joined the Cuyahoga County Employment Collaborative and partnered with John Carroll University for a two-day mentoring event. As a job developer, Kanden mentored two John Carroll University students as they worked to support an individual with a developmental disability find employment. The hiring event took place on May 4th, and a prep class with the JCU students and job seekers occurred on May 2nd. The hiring event included 15 employers from our area.

Thank You Volunteers!

- Over 70 volunteers attended the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, April 27th. Thank you to all CSC staff who helped make the evening a success! During that week, 33 volunteers were engaged during coffee, doughnuts and conversation, nearly three times the amount in 2016! 40 thank you cards were made throughout the week to thank volunteers for the tremendous value they brought to the agency in 2016 and the skills, resources and talent they bring each day to CSC!



Gloria Medlen and the Fiscal Management Team represented their thanks to CSC volunteers in style!



Lindsay Svarovsky and camper David show off their love for camp volunteers



Anne Ellmers displays her "Mandy is Dandy" thank you card

Now Registering for Summer Programs at CSC and Highbrook Lodge:

- 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 (216-791-8118) 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.

Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week: OttLite Cone Lamp

- The OttLite Cone Lamp is the featured product of the week. It is a small lamp that packs a punch for its compact size. It fits in small places and is the brightest lamp made by OttLite. It is 4.8 watts, energy efficient and rated to last up to 40,000 hours. The price is \$35.00.



OttLite Cone Lamp

- 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!

Thank a Teacher – National Teacher Appreciation Day is May 9:

- National Teacher Appreciation Day, also known as National Teacher Day, is observed on the Tuesday of the first full week in May. This year it will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 9th and is part of Teacher Appreciation Week, which is the first full week in May of each year. The National Education Association describes National Teacher Day “as a day for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives”. Political and educational leaders first began discussions for a day to honor teachers in 1944. In 1953, Eleanor Roosevelt persuaded the 81st Congress to proclaim National Teachers’ Day. Congress declared March 7, 1980, as National Teacher Day. The National Education Association continued to

observe Teacher Day on the first Tuesday in March until 1985, when the National PTA established Teacher Appreciation Week as the first full week of May. The NEA Representative Assembly then voted to make the Tuesday of that week National Teacher Day. A big thanks to CSC's teachers and staff members who work daily to educate and serve our students, clients and staff.

Items of Note:

- Mark your calendars: Bright Futures Preschool Graduation will be Thursday, May 25th at 10:00 a.m. in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium at CSC. The theme will be "The Year in Review."
- CSC recently met with management at the Innova building across East 101st Street to discuss some concerns around safe navigation of the sidewalk areas and updates for consideration to the Upper Chester streetscape.
- Check out the article in the Lake County News-Herald about the success of last Sunday's "Jonah's Vision" fundraiser held to benefit CSC. [Click here for the article.](#)
- The Ohio Affiliate of Prevent Blindness has declared May as UV (ultraviolet) Awareness Month. The goal is to help educate the public on the dangers of UV and steps to take to protect vision today and in the future. [Click here for more information.](#)

Did You Know?

- The 2017 Kentucky Derby is Saturday, May 6th and is the first leg of the Triple Crown of Thoroughbred Racing, followed by the Preakness Stakes (May 20th) and the Belmont Stakes (June 10th). The 1 1/4-mile race runs on a dirt racetrack at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. Twenty horses enter the Derby, which is one of the largest fields in horse racing. The 143-year-old event has been going on since 1875. In

its first race, approximately 10,000 spectators watched. Now as many 150,000 pack into Churchill Downs every year. The race has been nicknamed the "Run for the Roses" as the winner is given a garland of more than 400 red roses sewn together, a tradition that dates back to 1932, and roses were first linked to the Derby in 1896 when Derby winner Ben Brush received an arrangement of white and pink roses. After the red rose became the official flower of the Derby in 1906, the garland that exists today was introduced and given to Derby winner Burgoo King in 1932.