



Keeping You “In the Know...” 6/1/18

Walk with CSC Tomorrow!

- It's not too late to participate in Saturday's White Cane Walk, CSC's annual event to raise critical dollars needed to support our mission and raise awareness of our agency and the services we provide! Register to walk or make a donation at www.whitecanewalk.org. Onsite registration will be available Saturday morning at the event!

Registration and activities open at 9:00 a.m. The one mile walk from CSC to the Wade Oval Lagoon and back will be at 10:00 a.m. and the fun and activities continue after the walk until 11:30 a.m. Stop by and bring some family and friends to support Cleveland Sight Center! Free parking available and overflow parking will be available next door to CSC at the Maltz Performing Arts Center.

Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Lisa Cellura and Alicia Howerton presented the “Blindness Basics” program and information about CSC to a third and final group of students from Hawken School this week. Desmond Kennedy represented CSC at the Mount Alverna Village Senior Health & Fitness Day held at the Seven Hills Recreation Center on Wednesday. Desmond also met with Alessio Eye MD in Strongsville this week. Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer took the CSC Roadshow to Laurel Lakes Low Vision Support Group and to the James Woods Rose Centers for Aging Well.
- CSC's Employment department hosted Rich Bucceri, a VP Talent Acquisition Executive with New York Community Bancorp, this week

for a tour of the agency and discussion about CSC's Employment Services and possible opportunities to collaborate going forward.

From Your Friends in the Eyedea Shop:

- In honor of CSC's White Cane Walk on Saturday, the Eyedea Shop reminds you that the store carries white canes of many kinds. Aluminum canes are available for \$28.00, graphite canes for \$48.50, telescoping canes for \$45.00. The Shop also has canes that collapse or that are rigid for \$30.00. All the canes are white with a red tip that identifies you as someone who is blind or visually impaired. The aluminum and graphite canes are available in even inch measurements and the telescoping canes come in odd number inch sizing. The support canes are adjustable. Customers will need to be measured for a cane unless the length is known from previous experience. Come in and the staff at the Eyedea Shop will be happy to help. Many different cane tips are available as well as cane repairs are offered at minimal cost.
- The Eyedea Shop's clearance item this week is a limited quantity of sun glasses. Stop in soon as there are very few to choose from.
- If you are or someone you know is an artist who is blind or has low vision, consider submitting artwork to grace the cover of some of the 2018 Holiday Cards. The requirements for this year's cards are as follows: artist must be blind or have low vision; two submissions per artist; if submitting in digital format, artwork must be 300 DPI, entry window is May 7, 2018 – August 10, 2018; submit entries to bpiascik@clevelandsightcenter.org. Cleveland-themed entries always do well. Any questions, please contact the Eyedea Shop (216-791-8118).
- 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 Children's & Young Adult Services (CYAS) department is gearing up for the start of their summer programs. CSC's Summer Youth Work Experience (SYWE) program is a summer transitional program for young adults who are blind or visually impaired. It is a five week residential program providing a paid work experience, instruction in job readiness and "soft skills", one-on-one or small group instruction in the areas of orientation and mobility, computer skills and activities of daily living. For most participants, this program is his or her first real job and first opportunity to experience independent living. This year's program begins Monday, June 11th and runs through Friday, July 13th. Bright Futures Preschool Day Camp is for children with blindness or vision impairment who are entering or returning to preschool and includes occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, orientation & mobility and more. The camp will be held Mondays through Thursdays at CSC starting Monday June 11th and ending Thursday, July 5th. For more information on these programs, contact Sylvia Snyder (x8777).
- CSC's Volunteer Services department is putting together a focus group of staff members whose goal will be to review, evaluate, and provide feedback for proposed initiatives of the Volunteer Department, encourage and expand the culture of volunteerism throughout the agency and grow the success and impact of volunteers on the agency in collaboration with the strategic plan. If you are interested in being a part of this focus group or in learning more about what is involved, please contact Volunteer Manager Melissa Bresnahan (x4581 or mbresnahan@clevelandsightcenter.org).
- Volunteer Services is now accepting nominations for the Most Treasured Volunteer Award, an annual award presented by the Center for Community Solutions. Last year, Share the Vision Volunteer Linda Jenkins received the award for her dedication to the Share the Vision program in spite of personal challenges she herself experienced. You can learn more about Linda and her volunteer story [here](#). Nominations

for any volunteer you think should be considered for this award are due to Melissa Bresnahan in the by Wednesday June 6, 2018. Please send an e-mail to mbresnahan@clevelandsightcenter.org with a brief 2-3 paragraphs explaining the impact that volunteer has on your area and on CSC. Be sure to mention if the volunteer you nominate applies any innovative approaches to their volunteer role, if they have overcome any unusual challenges overcome, or have any outstanding accomplishments that should be noted.



Linda Jenkins receiving the 2017 MTV Award

- Highbrook Lodge camper spots are filling quickly as the team gears up for quite the 90th summer! A few staff members are still in need to help the team create a transformative summer for CSC's amazing campers. Do you or someone you know love helping others and being outside – AND looking for summer employment? Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind opportunity...for more information and to apply [click here](#). Please spread the word! The Highbrook Lodge camp team of Lindsay Svarovsky and Mollie Evans will officially re-locate to Highbrook Lodge starting June 1st.

Did You Know?

- To wash a day's worth of dirty dishes by hand, it can take as much as 27 gallons of water. To complete the task in an efficient dishwasher, it takes only 4 to 5 gallons of water.