



## **Keeping You “In the Know...” 6/28/19**

### **Strengthening Partnerships and Educating the Community:**

-CSC’s Eyedea Shop hosted a “Lunch and Learn” event on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Jim Sullivan, Central States Territory Manager from Humanware, showcased a variety of low vision, GPS and Braille related products. For more information on the presentation or the products, contact Barbara Piascik (216-791-8118).

-Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer visited Cleveland State University this week for a “Blindness Basics” training program with 40 third-year students and two professors in CSU’s physical therapy program. The visited included extended time for some mock therapy interaction in which students were presented with hypothetical situations with a patient who has low vision.

-The Outreach team attends the Eldercare Professionals of Ohio network meeting at Benjamin Rose Institute on Fairhill Road this morning.

-Cleveland Sight Center and the Outreach team will attend the upcoming ADA Day Resource Fair at University Circle's Wade Oval Wednesday event on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Stop by and check out the action! As part of the evening, there will be a concert by “The RockNRoll Chorus” A Capella group at 6:00 p.m. and the Disney movie “Ralph Breaks the Internet” will be shown at 9:00 p.m.

# Join Us!



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## ADA DAY 2019

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019  
WADE OVAL | UNIVERSITY CIRCLE  
RESOURCE FAIR FROM 4 TO 7:30 PM

WOW! CONCERT AT 6 PM  
DISNEY'S "RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET" AT 9 PM  
ADACLEVELAND.ORG | ADAINCLE@GMAIL.COM



Graphic of ADA Day 2019 information at Wade Oval Wednesday

-Teachers and school personnel are offered various opportunities to expand their knowledge regarding students who are blind or visually impaired throughout the year at Cleveland Sight Center. The 2019 "See What's Possible" workshop for educators, teachers and staff will be Friday, August 9, 2019. For program information, [click here](#).

-Cleveland Sight Center will be the host site for a Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Question and Answer Forum on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. The forum will be from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and RTA representatives will be present to answer questions about Paratransit, fixed route buses, trains and other public transportation questions. Contact Scott Williams-Riseng (216-791-8118) with any questions.

### **This Week at Highbrook Lodge:**

-The Adult Celebration session kicked off on Monday with 24 campers who have been enjoying the sunshine and participating in activities including

music, drama, dance, sports & recreation, arts & crafts, swimming, campouts, nature activities and so much more. The group loves to sing and they have been having a blast learning new songs together. On Wednesday, they took to the dance floor at the 2019 Highbrook Lodge Prom, Thursday they hung out in beachwear and enjoyed "mocktails" and head into the jungle Friday for "Safari Day." Camp life is great!



The dance floor is full at Highbrook Lodge Prom



Campers make beaded jewelry during an arts & crafts session

-Recent work and upgrades at Highbrook Lodge included repair to the retaining wall supporting the pool at camp. The old wall was removed, drain

tile was installed and a new wall was put in place so campers can enjoy the refreshing pool on those hot summer days.



The new retaining wall along the pool at Highbrook Lodge

### **What's Happening at CSC:**

-CSC partners with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank throughout the year on various programs, including support for the quarterly Winners Club social events. Representatives from the Greater Cleveland Food Bank visited the agency this week for a walk through and inspection of the food handling and preparation areas in the kitchen. Thanks to Alicia Howerton, Susie Meles and Scott Malone for their efforts to maintain CSC's good standing as a partner for the next two years!

-CSC recognizes two volunteers this month for recording their volunteer hours. As a thank you for recording their hours, each volunteer has won a \$25 Amazon gift card – a drawing happening one time per month throughout 2019 that any volunteer recording their volunteer hours is eligible for. A huge thank you to Tony and Eldrich for their work as volunteers and

for helping capture their impact through recording the time they give back to CSC!

### **Tony Becker – Recreation**

In September of 2018, CSC's optician Tony Becker decided to take his role at Cleveland Sight Center to the next level, becoming a volunteer to support Music Group and Chess Club through Recreation Services. "For me, volunteering is a fun way to interact with clients and build relationships with them outside of my professional role," Tony explained. Whether strategizing on the chess board or rocking out to music, Tony's involvement in Recreation programs has in fact brought him closer to clients, helping him learn how much he has in common with participants, an opportunity he would not otherwise have when working with individuals for medical appointments. Tony's dedication to cultivating this CSC family is something we are so grateful for in our community. Thank you Tony for taking the time to connect with Cleveland Sight Center clients and for the positive impact you make as a CSC volunteer!

### **Eldrich Carr – Radio Reader**

A loyal volunteer with Cleveland Sight Center for 13 years, Eldrich Carr is a Radio Reader who is motivated to make an impact for clients who tune into CSCN, CSC's private radio station for those who experience blindness and low vision. Eldrich learned about the opportunity to help as a Radio Reader from fellow volunteer Bill Tomcho, initially being drawn to the position by the chance to assist with voiceover work. As a reader, Eldrich particularly enjoys his work with CSCN because he is able to give back, supporting CSCN by reading one of the weekly segments of the New York Times airing on the station. CSC is grateful to Eldrich for his dedication to ensure CSCN remains a reliable resource for clients through the programming he provides. Thank you Eldrich for your steadfast commitment to helping CSCN provide accessible, engaging and reliable content!

-What does Angel think of working in CSC's Call Center? "This is a calm and peaceful atmosphere to work and grow...an empowering place to work. I have been able to accomplish and learn a great deal in this environment." Spread the word to come join the awesome team at CSC. To learn more, [click here](#).

-Social Recreation activities this week included Line Dance, Crochet, Chess Club and Yoga. There will be no Social Recreation activities held on Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. The Ohio Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped hosts their “Family Fun and Learning Day” on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. For specific information including details on activities and featured speakers, [click here](#).

-The Summer Youth Work Experience participants are wrapping up their third week at CSC – it has been a very busy three weeks! Work at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Dave’s Supermarket, the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, the Great Lakes Science Center and CSC’s own Bright Futures Summer program has consumed many of the day hours. Evenings and weekends have been filled with many activities like attending a live musical (Mama Mia), taking a ride on the Goodtime III, playing putt-putt and Frisbee golf, attending a movie and a Cleveland Indians game and going bowling – just to name a few!



SYWE participant Nathaniel celebrates a beep baseball play



Baily and Le Asia bowling



Group photo aboard the Goodtime III

-Attendees of Bright Futures Day Camp continue to learn with activities this week including music sessions, playground activities, orientation & mobility and fun with water action.



Bright Futures Day Camp participant explores a guitar



Bright Futures Day Camp participant uses her white cane in the Empowerment Park





Bright Futures Day Camp participant plays with water and toys

## **Eyedeia Shop's Product of the Week: It's Grilling Season!**

-With grilling season finally here, don't forget that the Eyedeia Shop carries some items to utilize while cooking out in addition to the hundreds of low vision products! The store offers a talking meat thermometer, long oven mitts that cover the entire length of your arm, silicone tongs, timers and much more. Stop in and see the team before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to check out what we may have to make your grilling experience easier!



A variety of items on display for cooking and grilling

## Items of Note:

-CSC will be closed on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day. The agency will be open regular business hours on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. The weekly "In The Know" will not publish on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>; it will resume on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

-Using radar and augmented reality, Sunu Band enables people who are low vision and blind to travel with confidence. Advanced haptic feedback guides your way around any obstacle, and navigation sensors connect you to the world that's around you. Sunu Band is the only smart-band that guides your way around obstacles. It uses sonar or echolocation to detect objects up to 16 feet or 5.5 meters away. Then haptic vibration feedback informs how close (or far away) you are to obstacles. Sunu Band compliments the white cane, guide dog or low vision. To learn more, [click here](#).

-A documentary film about a guide dog called "Buddy" shows next weekend at the Cleveland Institute of Art Cinematheque, located at 11610 Euclid Avenue. Admission is \$10. Showings will be Saturday, June 29, at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 30, at 8:40 p.m. Additional information about the film:

"BUDDY"

Netherlands, 2018, Heddy Honigmann

Six service dogs and their owners are the subjects of the new film by veteran Dutch documentarian Heddy Honigmann. This poignant, philosophical work explores the close bond between animals and humans. "An audience favorite! A tender tribute to tail-wagging treasures." – *Hollywood Reporter*. Cleveland premiere. Subtitles. DCP. 86 min.

<http://grasshopperfilm.com/film/buddy/>

<https://www.cia.edu/cinematheque/film-schedule/2019/06/buddy>

-The Cleveland Scrappers are a blind and visually impaired baseball team

that competes all around the United States against other blind and visually impaired baseball teams. They are hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> and will be playing a game against members of The Greater Cleveland Senior Softball League. The game is at 2:00 p.m. at 21410 Lunn Road in Strongsville, across from Volunteer Park. No admission will be charged to this game but donations are welcome. Drinks and snacks will be sold and a raffle will be held with all proceeds going to The Cleveland Scrappers team. For more information, contact Cathy Javorsky (216-791-8118).