



Keeping You “In the Know...” 6/30/17

CSC Receives Gift from the Theodore Zuck Trust:

- CSC was named a beneficiary of the Theodore Zuck Trust and recently received a gift of \$30,000. Theodore T. (“Ted”) Zuck was an endocrinologist who lived in the Cleveland area who passed away in 1983, upon which a trust was established for the benefit of his wife, who passed away in September 2016. The principal of the trust was to be distributed “to various charitable, tax-exempt organizations that are primarily engaging in furnishing services to blind people in the United States of America.” The executor of the trust selected CSC among a very large number of charities in the country who assist those who are blind or have low vision after researching CSC and deeming it both eligible and worthy of support based on Charity Navigator and other sources.

CSC Receives Grant from GPD Group Employees Foundation:

- CSC received a \$5,000 grant from The GPD Group Employees’ Foundation, a consortium of employees from different companies that formed in 2014 to have a vehicle for giving back. The group’s vision is “to make a difference in the lives of children” and their mission is “to encourage the enrichment of the public education experience for K-12 students and to support children with medical and special needs.” Representatives of the foundation visited CSC on Friday, June 23rd for lunch and a tour of the agency with Karen Bain Hiller and Sylvia Snyder. The grant dollars will support CSC’s Early Intervention program.

FORE! Calling All Golfers:

- This year's CSC Golf Classic will be Monday, July 17th at Westfield Group Country Club. For the third consecutive year, this tremendous fundraising and awareness opportunity is the result of the Employment team's strong partnership with Westfield Group's human resources department. The cost to participate is \$250 per person and includes an 18-hole scramble format, greens fees, golf cart, boxed lunch, awards reception including hors d'oeuvres and beverages, golfer gifts, contests and prizes. Foursomes are available for \$1,250 which includes a hole sponsorship. Contact Steve Frohwerk (216-791-8118) for additional information or [click here](#). Please pass along to those family, friends, colleagues and business associates who may be interested in teeing it up for a great cause!

Braille Literacy Class Holds Graduation:

- The Braille Literacy Class held graduation at CSC on Thursday, June 29th in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. The group was welcomed by Larry Benders, Susie Meles talked about the importance of Braille literacy and students were presented certificates by CSC's Vision Rehabilitation Therapists Mary Jo Chisnell and Annette Jakse. Also attending the graduation and speaking to the group were Donna Albanese, State Director of Aspire and Mindy Duncan, Deputy Director of Bureau Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI). Congratulations to Braille graduates Andre Anderson, Min Joo Bruening, Jason Gray, Natasha Ricks, Michael Weems and Paula Winter.



Educating the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- CSC is highlighted in a recent article in the Lake County News-Herald newspaper featuring a Willoughby resident who is working to make his community more accessible. Susie Meles and Scott Williams-Riseng are quoted speaking to the important resource that CSC is along with the agency's rehabilitation programs and orientation and mobility services. [Click here for the full article.](#)
- CSC was mentioned in last Friday's Cleveland Plain Dealer Friday Magazine for the agency's role in providing audio description for the Oberlin Summer Theater Festival's presentation of "The Miracle Worker." [Click here to read the article.](#) A second audio-described performance has been added for Sunday, July 2nd. The show is at Hall Auditorium, 67 North Main St., Oberlin. To reserve tickets, call 440-775-8169 or email ostf@oberlin.edu.
- Lisa Cellura attended a corporate health fair at Rockwell Automation in Mayfield Heights on Wednesday, June 28th to present CSC information to family members and caregivers of those who may be in need of CSC services.
- Desmond Kennedy and Susie Meles represented CSC on Wednesday, July 28th at Cuyahoga Community College's Technology Training Center, where the college presented a program on adult vision screening and eye care maintenance for adults.
- Desmond Kennedy spent time this week making follow-up visits and check-ins with offices and organizations he has previously met with to continue building relationships and promoting CSC's programs, services and the upcoming Technology Fair. Follow-ups included University Ophthalmology Associates, Retina Center of Ohio, Union Eye Care, Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye Institute and Cleveland Eye Care

and Surgery. Desmond also had a meeting with representatives of University Hospital's Eye Institute at their main campus.

- The young adults participating in the 2017 Summer Youth Work Experience program had another busy week which included attending a Cleveland Indians game, golfing at the driving range, enjoying the Shaker Heights Nature Walk and celebrating a birthday. They also began completing informational interviews around the agency. Thanks to Nicole Kahn and Officer Adam Gilmore for their assistance with the interviews.



Group at the Indians game



Group on the deck at the Nature Walk



Participant takes a swing at the driving range

- The annual “See What’s Possible” educators workshop will be held at Cleveland Sight Center on Thursday, August 10th. The workshop is for educators (regular, special and support staff) who will be working with children with limited/no vision during the 2017-2018 school year and will feature strategies, technology and demonstrations. The registration fee is \$25 and includes lunch, materials and professional development certificate. For more information, contact Lorie Marsalis (216-791-8118) or [click here](#).

It's Camp Season at Highbrook Lodge:

- It's been a busy couple weeks at Highbrook Lodge! Since Friday, June 16th, staff members have been hard at work in staff training for over 14 hours a day. This year's camp staff consists of 21 seasonal staff members, including 10 returning staff members. Counselors received training with CSC employees Lisa Cellura, Mary Jo Chisnell and Scott Williams-Riseng, as well as the members of the Highbrook Leadership Team. Training has extensively covered healthy eating, personal care, emergency preparedness and program planning. Every counselor holds a certification in First Aid, CPR, Blood-Borne Pathogens, AED and Epi-pen administration. Counselors are also joined by a Registered Nurse who lives on the property and manages all camper medication. In between training sessions, the staff members have been having fun with a camp-wide game of Human Clue and anticipation of the first group of campers, who arrived this week. This week, the crew welcomed 28 campers to the Celebration session for adults with multiple disabilities. Campers have been able to participate in archery, swimming, canoeing, outdoor camping, and much more, thanks to the wonderful staff!
- The renovation project of the basement of Sears Hall is complete and ready for the camp season! Thanks to Chris Gruber and Kevin Pye for their work and oversight through many aspects of construction. The area now features:

- A new laundry room that is centrally located with two sets of front-loading energy-efficient washing machines and dryers
- A staff lounge that is adequately sized and up-to-date
- A new arts & crafts area with storage shelves and bins
- All new windows, sliding doors and LED energy-efficient lighting
- New painting and carpentry
- An ADA-compliant bathroom



Sliding glass doors



Art mural on the wall



Side view of activity room



Laundry area with four machines



Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week: CSC Holiday Card Artwork Submission

- If you are an artist who is blind or has low vision, consider submitting your artwork to grace the cover of some of the 2017 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 July 1, 2017 – August 14, 2017; submit entries to bpiascik@clevelandsightcenter.org. Cleveland-themed entries always do well. Any questions, please contact the Eyedeas Shop (216-791-8118).
- 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!

Wellness Squad Corner:

- **The Importance of Keeping an Updated First Aid Kit**
Having a first aid kit nearby is extremely important. At some point in your career or home life, it is likely that you will access it. If a well-stocked first aid kit is available, it can minimize the health risks of the injured and allow treatment to begin promptly. First aid kits vary depending on their purpose. Some are used for one individual while others are prepared to service larger groups such as a workplace. It is important to remember who is going to be using the kits and what the personal or organizational needs may be when you are preparing them.

First aid kits can be used to treat variety of injuries or illnesses including cuts, burns, sprains and strains. Bigger kits can include medication such as over the counter anti-inflammatory or antibiotic ointments to treat smaller injuries or act as a first response. Twice a year, check your first aid kit for expiration dates to ensure safety. If a

drug is outdated it will not be as effective and can cause negative side effects.

First aid kits can be made or bought already prepped. If you prep your own kit, be sure to include all necessary materials. Once a first aid kit is prepped it is important to train employees and family members on how to use the material. Basic first aid can save lives. Keep a list of emergency numbers in the kit. For personal kits, keep a list of medications you are on for emergency personnel if they are needed.

For a list of material that should be in every first aid kit or for more information, visit the American Red Cross at <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/get-kit/anatomy>

Items of Note:

- CSC will be closed in observance of Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4th. The agency will be open on Monday, July 3rd.
- Register for the 2017 Technology Fair! This year's event will be held at CSC on Thursday, July 27th and Friday, July 28th and will showcase new, emerging and established technologies as well as CSC's programs and services. Thursday's session is from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and is open to the general public, senior centers, caregivers and technology-seekers. Friday's session is from 8:30 a.m – 12:00 p.m. and is exclusive to educators and eye care professionals. Admission is free but pre-registration is strongly encouraged by calling 216-658-4567. Pre-registration includes eligibility for raffle giveaways totaling over \$10,000!
- CSC was visited on Tuesday, June 27th for an infrared scan of the electrical supply and distribution system for the agency, which is done as part of a good predictive/preventative maintenance program. There were no findings during the inspection.

- Beginning Wednesday, July 5, crews working on Section 1 of the Opportunity Corridor Project implemented a new traffic pattern at the intersection of Chester Avenue and East 105th Street. Work at the intersection is expected to take approximately six weeks. Chester Avenue has been reduced to one lane in each direction at East 105th Street to construct the southeast and southwest corners of the East 105th Street and Chester Avenue intersection.

The following turning movements have been restricted:

- Eastbound Chester Avenue motorists will not be able to turn right onto southbound East 105th Street.
- Westbound Chester Avenue motorists will not be able to turn left onto southbound East 105th Street.
- Northbound East 105th Street motorists will not be able to turn right or left onto Chester Avenue.
- While these turning movements are restricted, motorists are encouraged to use East 100th Street as an alternate route. .

Did You Know?

- July 4th, also known as Independence Day, is the federal holiday marking the Colonies' adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, which declared independence from the Great Britain and its king. This holiday goes hand in hand with fireworks, parades and grilling. Did you know:
 - The Fourth of July was not declared a national holiday until 1941.
 - The stars on the original American flag were in a circle so all the Colonies would appear equal.
 - The number of Americans who will spend the holiday at other people's homes is approximately 41 million.
 - The first official Fourth of July party was held at the White House in 1801.
 - Approximately 150 million hot dogs are consumed on this day.
 - The town of Patriot, IN has a population of 202 people.

- Presidents John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe all died on the Fourth. Adams and Jefferson died on the same day within hours of each other in 1826.
- In 1776, there were 2.5 million people living in the new nation. Today there are over 326 million.