



Keeping You “In the Know...” 7/14/17

Golf Classic is Monday:

- CSC’s Golf Classic is 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. Golfers will enjoy 18 holes on Westfield’s historic South Course, lunch, contests, prizes and an awards reception to conclude the day. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to engage with golfers from CSC’s Golf Program and try various shots and putts while blindfolded.

Update on the Search for a New Electronic Medical Record System:

- Consultants from KPMG continue to assist CSC with a project to determine a new Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system for the agency. CSC’s project team will conduct demonstrations with two vendors. Mike McManamon is also working with a firm in Washington D.C. that will help us in evaluating the EMR vendors on accessibility with JAWS. We may also engage this firm to script a future EMR application to improve accessibility. We hope to be in a position to conclude our analysis (including the cost of an EMR implementation) in the coming weeks.

Educating the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Participants in the Summer Youth Work Experience (SYWE) program complete the five-week summer program today. The final week of

SYWE proved to be just as busy as the others as they concluded with mock interviews/job fair activities and the always fun and popular talent show. They also spent a day at Cuyahoga Valley National Park, visited the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, spent an evening at Rocky River Horse Stables and went out to dinner. This week also concludes Bright Futures Summer Day Camp for those youngsters entering or returning to preschool in the fall.



SYWE participant plays keyboard



Program participants at the waterfall inside the zoo's rainforest



SYWE participant in a mock interview



Stephanie Webster interviews a SYWE teen

- It's a quick turnaround for the CYAS team as Monday, July 17th begins the second half of summer programs. The Career Exploration program is designed for the student 14 -16 years old who is blind or has low vision and features aspects including career interest surveys, job

shadowing, determination of strengths and needs, discussions and presentations from employers and learning work-related “soft skills”. ABCs Summer Day Camp (A = Activities of Daily Living; B = Braille; C = Cane Skills and Usage) is for children ages 5-9 with a vision impairment or blindness. Both programs run through the first week of August.

- Karen Bain Hiller and CSC welcomed the Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Cleveland Chapter for a meeting of 20 board members on Thursday, July 13th.
- Lisa Cellura and Alicia Howerton visited the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center (DVCAC) on Monday to present an educational program on accessibility to multiple groups at their campus. Lisa and Alicia continued their outreach efforts with a “Blindness Basics” training to 35 physical therapy doctoral students at Cleveland State University on Tuesday.
- Join CSC on Wednesday, July 26th in celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act and party at Wade Oval Wednesday (WOW)! This year’s ADA Day 2017 will kick off with ADA Fest at 4:00 p.m. at Wade Oval in University Circle and will feature carnival games and activities, as well as a resource fair for fun games and information tables provided by several organizations and companies. Stay for the evening and enjoy tunes by local band Son Gitano and visit one of the many local food trucks that will be in attendance! For more information, contact Marcia Houston (216-791-8118).
- 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](#).

Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week: Talking Tap Watch

- The item of the week is the Talking Tap Watch. Just tap the face of the watch and it will speak the time. Hold down the face for three seconds and the watch will speak the time and it will speak the date. The face is white with black hands so people with low vision may be able to read the face as well. It also features an alarm to set a reminder about medication or a wake-up call. The ladies model is available in pink white or aqua. The men's version comes in chrome. The Eyedeas Shop price is \$65.00.



The Talking Tap Watch in pink, chrome and white bands

- 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 bpascik@clevelandsightcenter.org. Cleveland-themed entries always do well. Any questions, please contact the Eyedeas 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:

- Beat the heat during the dog days of summer at July's Job Club! This is the perfect time to refresh your memory of the Americans with Disabilities Act with featured speaker and CSC Peer Mentor Nicole Kahn. She will be bringing you back up to speed on how the Act relates to you and the job you have or might be looking for! You won't want to miss this session on Thursday, July 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. Contact Nicole Kahn (216-791-8118) for more information.
- 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!
- The Federal Communications Commission adopted new rules this week to ensure Americans who are blind or visually impaired have access to more video described programming. Video description, also called audio description, allows people with limited vision to hear a description of on-screen activity while also following the dialogue, providing a more fulsome entertainment experience.

Beginning in July 2018, broadcasters and pay-TV providers carrying one of the top networks must provide 87.5 hours of described programming per calendar quarter, which averages out to roughly one

hour per day of description on each included network. This is an increase of 75 percent over the 50 hours per quarter presently required. While the current 50 hour requirement must be provided during prime-time or children's programming, the additional 37.5 hours per quarter being added by these new rules can be provided at any time of day between 6 a.m. and midnight. The networks currently covered by the rule are ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC, Disney Channel, History, TBS, TNT, and USA.

With the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, Congress recognized the importance of ensuring that Americans with disabilities have access to functionally-equivalent entertainment and communications options. The new rules adopted by the Commission this week take another important step in implementing this law and furthering its accessibility goals.

Video description is provided through the TV or set top box "secondary audio" feature, which some TV controls identify as "SAP" or "secondary audio program." To learn more about video description, please see the FCC's consumer guide: <https://go.usa.gov/xNF6a>

- Check out the "High Contrast" feature on the Dunkin Donuts website, [click here](#).
- Microsoft has released Seeing AI — a smartphone app that uses computer vision to describe the world for the visually impaired. With the app downloaded, the users can point their phone's camera at a person and it'll say who they are and how they're feeling. They can also point it at a product and it'll tell them what it is. All of this is done using artificial intelligence that runs locally on their phone. The company showed off a prototype of Seeing AI in March last year at its Build conference, but starting today, the app is available to download for free in the US on iOS. However, there's no word yet on when it'll come to Android or other countries. [Click here to read the full article](#).

Did You Know?

- The biggest nest in the world belongs to the bald eagle. It is made of twigs and branches but can weigh as much as a car. Bald eagles use the same nest every year.