



**Keeping You “In the Know...” 7/26/19**

### **Fifth Annual CSC Golf Classic a Swinging Success!**

-CSC's Golf Classic was held Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Westfield Country Club. Despite a wet start to the day, golfers enjoyed a fantastic event with 18 holes of golf, contests, prizes and an awards reception to conclude the fundraiser. Participants also had the opportunity to engage with golfers from CSC's Golf Program and try various shots and putts while blindfolded. Thanks to the following members of the Board of Trustees who supported and/or participated in the outing: Bob Englander, Tom Furnas, Howard Lichtig, Kevin McKinnis, John O'Brien, Sara Parish, Erin Ploucha, Andy Sikorovsky, Bill Spring, Bonnie Teeuwen and Steve Willensky. Thanks to Board Trustee Erin Ploucha and the Human Resources department at Westfield for their commitment to and support of CSC and this important fundraiser and awareness event. Additional thanks to the CSC teams in Administration, Development and Marketing for their work to make it a great day for all involved.



Board Chair Howard Lichtig welcomes the golfers



Board Trustee Erin Ploucha (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) with members of her Westfield Human Resources team



Group photo of golfers including Board Trustee Tom Furnas (left) and Board Trustee Bonnie Teeuwen (2<sup>nd</sup> from right)



Board Trustee Bill Spring tries a putt while blindfolded





Board Trustee Sara Parish with Larry Benders and Melanie Sliman

**Coming Soon...Spellbound: Do You Believe?**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Spellbound: Do You Believe?**

*Myths, Facts, Superstitions and Possibilities*

Friday the 13th of September  
6:00 p.m. Cocktails  
7:30 p.m. Dinner and Program  
Intercontinental Hotel  
9801 Carnegie Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44106

Spellbound is Cleveland Sight Center's annual gala to raise important dollars for the agency's programs that educate, employ and empower that lead to independence.

Visit [clevelandsightcenter.org/spellbound](http://clevelandsightcenter.org/spellbound) for additional information coming soon!

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

-The new date for the ADA Day Resource Fair at University Circle's Wade Oval is Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> and in addition to the Resource Fair, it will be "Cleveland Sports Night" including the Cleveland Cavaliers "All for Fun" Tour, Cleveland Indians Hot Dog Mascot Race around Wade Oval, a concert at 6:00 p.m. and the film "Captain Marvel" will be shown at 9:00 p.m.

-CSC's Outreach team presented on Assistive Technology at Sherri Park Apartments in Lyndhurst this week and welcomed a delegation of 11 people from Belarus, including their interpreters, representing various agencies to learn about how CSC is able to empower people with vision loss to realize their full potential and to shape the community's vision of that potential. The group also toured the CSC facility on Friday.

-Members of the CSC team attended a quarterly meeting with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) to review programs and upcoming collaboration opportunities, including what's new with OOD and their staff members. OOD had representatives from their offices in Akron, Canton, Lakewood and Youngstown to meet with Rosalie Daley, Susie Meles, Debbie Ruffin, Sylvia Snyder and Judith Weyburne.

-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.

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

-Merry Christmas in July! 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 2019 Holiday Cards! Over 10,000 cards are sold annually and on the back of the card is a brief biography about each artist. 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 at least 300 DPI, entry window is July 1, 2019 – August 26, 2019; submit entries to [bpiascik@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:bpiascik@clevelandsightcenter.org). Any questions, please contact the Eyedea Shop (216-791-8118).

-CSC is holding an open computer lab for clients who would like to practice their computer skills! If you have clients who could benefit from practice and additional work on the computer, have them stop by Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CSC's new volunteer Santhi will be there to greet them and will assist with any questions or difficulties they have. Have your clients take advantage of this wonderful service and thank Santhi when you see her in the hall. For more information, contact Susie Meles (216-791-8118).

-Please note there will be no Recreation programs at CSC during the month of August. Recreation programs will resume in September. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and get involved with Line Dance, Crochet, Yoga and so much more!

-Thank you to all who took advantage of the "personal touch" car wash on Wednesday. Members of this year's Career Exploration program (Keilynn, Jacob and Tony) along with University Circle, Inc.'s Future Connections intern (David) did a great job of putting a shine on the cars of many CSC employees!



Career Exploration program participants washing a car

-Get ready for some baked goodies! The participants in the Career Exploration program will hold the annual Bake Sale on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Treats will be for sale in the Client Hub (1<sup>st</sup> floor) from 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Please stop by for some reasonably-priced homemade items.

-All summer programs in the Children & Young Adult Services department are concluding August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The team will spend time preparing for the Educators Workshop on August 9<sup>th</sup> then a quick break before the start of the Bright Futures Preschool school year on August 27<sup>th</sup>. For information on the 2019 "See What's Possible" workshop for educators, teachers and staff, [click here](#).

-Dr. Lidija Balciunas will present “Low Vision Principles” to all interested CSC staff on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Working with CSC’s patients and clients often involves reading electronic medical reports from eye doctors or gathering information from CSC eye reports. Sometimes that information can be difficult to interpret. The “Low Vision Principles” presentation will cover the basics about how to understand and interpret data such as visual acuity, visual fields, refractive errors for glasses and bioptic telescopic spectacles. All are welcome – please make sure you have supervisor approval. Come prepared with your questions or email [Dr. Balciunas](#) specific topics you would like her to cover.

### **What’s Been Happening at Highbrook Lodge:**

-This week at Highbrook Lodge the team is hosting the Adult Resort session! The session is totally full and for the first time had a wait list to register! Adult Resort is designed for adults with vision loss who are able to manage their own activities and activities of daily living with minimal support. Campers choose their own daily schedule through on-site programming, field trip options and down-time to socialize with friends and counselors.

This week the campers have participated in aquatics, arts & crafts, music/drama/dance, nature/outdoor living, sports & recreation, and more!



They had their first-ever murder mystery night and it was a huge success! Campers have gone canoeing, enjoyed a cup of coffee in Chardon Square downtown and competed for victory in The Price is Right.

To close out the week, they were joined by CSC's own Ralph Johnson and his band "The Chosen Few Band" for an evening of music and mocktails.



Campers on a canoe trip at a nearby reservoir



Campers making "flower placemats" during the Nature/Outdoor Living session





Campers enjoy coffee in Downtown Chardon while meeting a friendly new furry friend



Highbrook Lodge staff members dressed up in costumes for the Murder Mystery



Counselor Andre “waiting” to give his monologue to campers...closes his eyes and puts his feet up on the picnic table

-Help Highbrook Lodge end their summer session with a bang by attending the End-of-Summer BBQ. This event will take place on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. During this special event, Highbrook Lodge will provide delicious picnic foods, activities for ‘campers’ of all ages (including swimming), and an amazing atmosphere with incredible company. The cost is only \$5.00 per person, which can be paid at the Eyedea Shop. You can either make your own way up to Chardon or ride with Highbrook Lodge staff departing from Cleveland Sight Center. If you are riding with staff, plan to arrive at CSC by 10:30 a.m. and be prepared to be dropped back off at CSC at 4:00 p.m. To RSVP, call Jenny at 216-658-4596 or email [jschaeffer@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:jschaeffer@clevelandsightcenter.org).

### **Items of Note:**

-CSC Board Trustee Jill Marcotte was recently featured in a publication titled “Insights from Inspirational Women in Supply Chain”. To read the feature, [click here](#).

-Check out this article titled “The Power of Person-First Language in the Workplace: Why the Words You Use Matter” which was recently posted by the website entrepreneur.com. It also includes some tips for working with

individuals with disabilities. [Click here for the article.](#)