



## Keeping You “In the Know...” 7/27/18

### Fourth Annual CSC Golf Classic a Swinging Success:

- CSC’s Golf Classic was held Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Westfield Group Country Club. Golfers enjoyed a fantastic day with 18 holes of golf, contests, prizes and an awards reception to conclude the event. 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 participated in the fundraiser: Bob Englander, Tom Furnas, Howard Lichtig, Kevin McKinnis, John O’Brien, Sara Parish, Doug Piper, Erin Ploucha, Andy Sikorovsky, Bill Spring and Steve Willensky. Thanks to Board Trustee Erin Ploucha and the Human Resources department at Westfield Group for their commitment to and support of CSC and this important fundraiser and awareness event. Additional thanks to the CSC teams in Administration, Marketing, Development and Employment for their work to make it a great day for all involved.



Larry Benders welcomes all golfers



A golfer attempts a putt under blindfold



Golfer at registration gets his gift bag



Group photo of Board Trustees

## What's Happening at CSC:

- Representatives from the Cincinnati Insurance Companies visited CSC this week for an annual loss control visit to evaluate and gather information specific to operations relative to controlling property, general liability and auto exposures and controls. The agency's sprinkler and fire prevention systems, along with preventive maintenance specific to the building's electrical, roof and heating systems and general housekeeping practices were all evaluated and no violations were found. Congratulations to Chris Gruber and the

Facilities team for working hard to make CSC a safe and clean workplace each day.

- The annual Career Exploration Car Wash will be held Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the preschool parking lot. There is no charge – but donations are welcome!
- The Best-Ever Career Exploration Bake Sale is planned for Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – noon in both the first floor HUB and the second floor HUB. Bring your appetite for sweets and your wallet – everything is made with love and reasonably priced!



Career Exploration participants practice their baking skills

- Randy Knapp and Erin St. Denis will be providing an all staff in-service training on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m – 1:30 p.m. covering an introduction to low vision and blind accessibility features of the iPhone. Please RSVP by email to [estdenis@clevlandsightcenter.org](mailto:estdenis@clevlandsightcenter.org). In your RSVP, please specify if braille or large print handouts are needed. The training will be held in CSC's Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium A & B.

**Educating and Engaging the Community:**

- Volunteers from the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland came to #feditforward at CSC this week. The group did an excellent job sprucing up curbs in the parking lot and along sidewalks after proving their expertise when counting change under blindfold. Thank you to the group for the hard work put towards the project!



Group photo of Federal Reserve Bank volunteers



Volunteer counts change while blindfolded



Volunteers paint the curbs in front of CSC's building



- Sales and procurement staff from the National Industries for the Blind (NIB) visited CSC on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and were hosted by Alicia Howerton, Susie Meles and Jassen Tawil. After a tour of the agency, the group met to discuss business development opportunities around call center services and accessibility consulting. NIB and its associated agencies are the largest employers of people who are blind or visually impaired in the United States. NIB has federal contracts for

accessibility consulting of web page usability as well as call center services.



Jassen Tawil with NIB representatives Aaron Simoneau, Senetra Burgess, Karen Burns and Jim Beam

- CSC hosted a visit from Olga Poloshavets and her translator Paul Fetkevich on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Poloshavets started an Education Center for people with disabilities in Minsk, Belarus. The visit was arranged through the Cleveland Council on World Affairs ([www.ccwa.org](http://www.ccwa.org)). Ms. Poloshavets, who is blind, is participating in an international exchange program for business leaders. The visit was hosted by Alicia Howerton, Jassen Tawil and Judith Weyburne and CSC was the main attraction. Ms. Poloshavets remarked several times how accessible the CSC building is for people who are blind and the expansive array of programs for people of all ages. The CSC team learned that in Belarus white canes are not widely used and that services for the blind usually don't begin until a child is seven years of age. Ms. Poloshavets said that Alicia was "inspiration of what can be done."



Judith Weyburne, Paul Fetkevich, Olga Poloshavets, Alicia Howerton

- Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer held a “Tips Talk” at Brookdale Montrose in Akron this week. Desmond Kennedy visited Richard A. Statesir, MD and staff in Lakewood on Wednesday. On Thursday, Alicia Howerton, Desmond Kennedy, Tom Sawyer and Angela Sciara represented CSC at a “Tips Talk” and open registration event at Stow-Glen Retirement Village in Stow. The event was attended by over 80 people. Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer represent CSC at a Summit County Public Health event and Rosalie Daley and Desmond Kennedy represent CSC at an OhioMeansJobs - Partner Resource event today.
- Marcia Houston coordinated CSC’s participation in ADA Cleveland’s Wade Oval Wednesday concert series on the evening of Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Attendees to the CSC table had opportunities to try a variety of activities including cup stacking, putt-putt and others under blindfold. Thanks to the volunteers who helped the activities before a fun evening of music and a movie.



CSC ADA Day Volunteers

### This Week in the Eyedea Shop:

- A new lamp made by Uno is the latest addition to the Eyedea Shop. It is a slim profile LED daylight lamp that has four dimmer settings of light and a flexible arm to adjust the light where you want it. The lamp puts out 400 lumens of light, is energy saving and uses only six watts of electricity. The price is \$58.00.

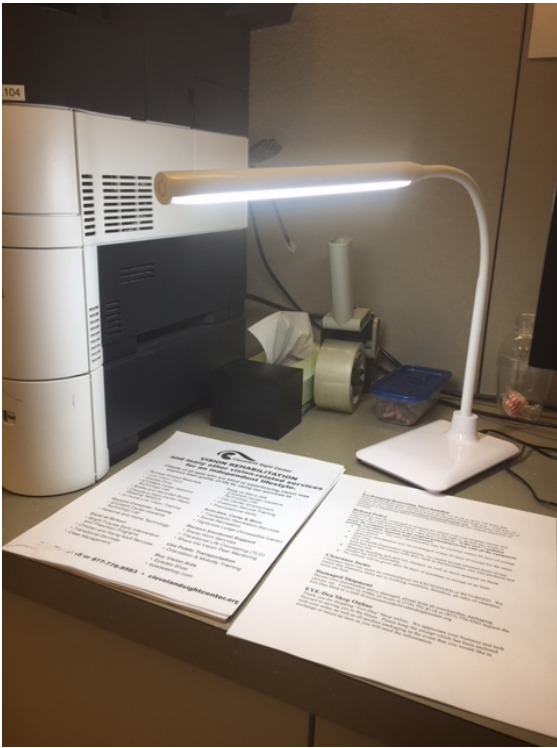


Image of Unolamp

- The Eyedea Shop hosts a clearance sale today, Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> for some of the store's low quantity items and products that will no longer be carried.
- The Eyedea Shop will be closed for inventory on Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. The store will re-open at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Can't make it to the Eyedea Shop at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at [www.eyedeashop.com](http://www.eyedeashop.com) and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

### Items of Note:

- The Cleveland Sight Center Visionaries will host their first fundraising and awareness event and you are invited! This event will be from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at Hofbrauhaus Cleveland. Join the Visionaries for a night of fun, awareness, and giving back.



There will be a 50/50 raffle and 10% of the proceeds from the evening will be donated back to support the mission of Cleveland Sight Center. This is a great chance to meet members of the Visionaries, learn more about their goals and what they are doing for CSC and easily raise some funds for the agency. This event is sponsored by Erie Title Agency. If you have any questions please reach out to Jessica Polack (x4565).



Image of the event invitation for Visionaries Happy Hour

- CSC's annual fundraising gala, Spellbound, will be held on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at Windows on the River in downtown Cleveland. This year marks the 32<sup>nd</sup> year for the event and will feature guest speaker Rebecca Alexander ([www.rebalexander.com](http://www.rebalexander.com)). Rebecca Alexander is an author, psychotherapist, fitness instructor, volunteer and extreme athlete who, due to Usher syndrome type III, is almost completely blind and deaf. Consistently upbeat, Rebecca gives encouragement and inspiration to others who are facing their own challenges, whether

physical or emotional, in interpersonal relationships or in the workplace. She has been featured on The Today Show, NBC Nightly News, The New York Times, USA Today and more. For additional information, [click here](#) or contact Steve Frohwerk (216-791-8118).



Photo of Rebecca Alexander

- The Ohio Library Council and the Ohio Public Library Information Network recently announced a three-year contract with LinkedIn to provide Ohioans free access to online courses with the social media company's Lynda.com service, which has over 12,000 self-guided courses to help people gain workforce skills. Nearly 30 of the state's major metropolitan library systems currently offer Lynda through individual subscriptions, which they can end once the statewide system is in place. For the full article, [click here](#).

### Did You Know?

- Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey and the fifth-largest city in the world by population, is considered European, yet it occupies two different continents. One part of Istanbul lies in Europe and the other part lies in Asia.