



## Keeping You “In the Know...” 8/18/17

### Author & Speaker Michael Hingson Coming to Spellbound:

- CSC’s annual fundraising gala, Spellbound, is scheduled for Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at Landerhaven. This year’s event is “An Evening to Empower” and will feature Author & Speaker Michael Hingson as well as raise important funds for CSC’s Empowerment Fund. Michael Hingson, blind since birth, escaped the World Trade Center on 9/11 with his guide dog, Roselle. From the day he received his first guide dog at age 14, Michael has developed skills in leadership, trust, teamwork, adaptation – skills he passes on to readers and listeners. For more information on Michael, [click here](#). If you have interest in attending, please contact Steve Frohwerk (216-791-8118) for more information on the event. Tickets are available for purchase [here](#).

### Now Enrolling at Bright Futures Preschool:

- CSC's Bright Futures Preschool is enrolling for the 2017-2018 school year. Cleveland Sight Center offers specialized instruction and educational opportunities to children ages 3-5 at Bright Futures Preschool, which is licensed by the Ohio Department of Education and located within CSC's main building. The program offers a hands-on teaching approach to promote academic, social, communication and behavior skills and gross and fine motor development. Learning in the form of exploration and discovery is incorporated into daily activities.

Bright Futures Preschool offers:

- Low ratio of students to experienced, qualified teachers
- Kindergarten readiness
- Circle Time and Story Time
- Small group work/learning centers

- Self-help skills and independence
- Free play and accessible playground
- Music and movement time
- Horseback riding
- Community field trips

Questions? Contact Sylvia Snyder (216-791-8118).

### Educating the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- CSC's Call Center was mentioned in a press release from the office of the Secretary of State of Ohio Jon Husted highlighting business filings in Ohio. Of note in the release is the collaboration with CSC has paid off significantly as average call wait time has dropped from more than five minutes to just 14 seconds – a reduction of 96 percent. [Click here for the full release.](#)
- Job Club met at CSC on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> with Peer Support Specialist Nicole Kahn and the Employment Services staff presenting some quizzes to test participants' knowledge of interviewing and job hunting skills. The group had a lively discussion regarding job interviews that people in the group have attended. It was a fun and informative session and everyone left feeling energized to continue their job searches.
- Volunteers from the Jewish Federation of Cleveland visited CSC on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and helped prepare the Bright Futures Classroom for the 2017-2018 school year. Volunteers sanitized the classroom and strollers during their time and were so interested and invested in the work of CSC by the time they completed their tasks that they offered to collect donation materials for this year's classroom!
- Desmond Kennedy visited with Westlake Eye Center on Monday, Retina Associates of Cleveland's Beachwood location on Tuesday and met with Carl K. Shin, MD Inc. and Vitreo Retinal Consultants Inc., both in Painesville, on Wednesday. Sylvia Snyder visited Broadmoor

School in Mentor on Wednesday and presented CSC programs and services to a group of 30 people.

- CYAS hosts an afternoon at CSC on Saturday for those “tweens” ages 9 – 13 to enjoy pizza, ice cream sodas, game day and an opportunity to meet other area kids. The event runs from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. For more information on this invite-only event, contact Kristen Callahan (216-791-8118).

### Highbrook Lodge’s Seasonal Camp Schedule Now Available:

- Highbrook Lodge offers adult seasonal camps in addition to the summer schedule. Seasonal camps are much like summer sessions, except condensed into a wonderful weekend with activities based around the season!

#### Fall Weekend 2017:

Arrive to Camp: Friday, Oct 13 – 6:00 p.m.; Depart Camp: Sunday, Oct 15 – 12:00 p.m.

Transportation from CSC\* - **\$15** (\*arrive to CSC by 4:00 p.m. Friday; returns 1:00 p.m. Sunday)

Cost: **\$65**

Register and pay by October 5th. Register by calling/emailing Lindsay at 216-658-4596 or [camp@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:camp@clevelandsightcenter.org). All seasonal campers must have up to date paperwork on file – summer 2017 paperwork is acceptable.

#### Winter Weekend 2018:

Arrive to Camp: Friday, Feb. 23 – 6:00 p.m.; Depart Camp: Sunday, Feb. 25 – 12:00 p.m.

Transportation from CSC\*: - **\$15** (\*arrive to CSC by 4:00 p.m. Friday; returns 1:00 p.m. Sunday)

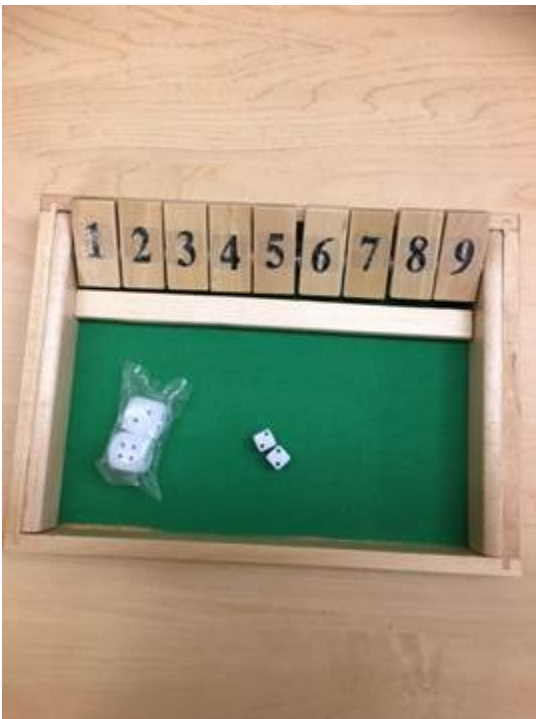
Cost: **\$65**

Register and pay by February 15th. Register by calling/emailing Lindsay at 216-658-4596 or [camp@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:camp@clevelandsightcenter.org). All

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### Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week: "Shut the Box" Game

- The Eyedeas Shop has a new game in the store called "Shut the Box". Fun for the entire family or just the adults, it is easy to play and learn. Just roll the dice and see if you can be the first one out by putting down all the number boxes with the corresponding numbers that you've rolled. The game comes with Braille dice as well as standard dice. Price is \$22.00.



Shut the Box game with Braille dice and standard dice

- Can't make it to the Eyedeas Shop at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at [www.eyedeasshop.com](http://www.eyedeasshop.com) and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

Items of Note:

- The Cleveland Scrappers beep baseball team plays their third annual exhibition game with the Babes of 1916 softball team in Solon on Sunday, August 27th at 2:00 p.m. The game is at Solon Community Park Field #4, 6679 SOM Center Road. The event is free and open to the public and lawn chairs or blankets are recommended. For more information on the Scrappers, check out their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/clevelandscrappers](http://www.facebook.com/clevelandscrappers).
- On Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, millions of people will view a total solar eclipse as it passes through the United States. However, for those who are blind or have low vision, the Eclipse Soundscapes Project delivers a multisensory experience of this exciting celestial event. The project, from NASA's Heliophysics Education Consortium, will include audio descriptions of the eclipse in real time, recordings of the changing environmental sounds during the eclipse, and an interactive "rumble map" app that will allow users to visualize the eclipse through touch. [Click here for more on "Eclipse Soundscapes."](#)

### Did You Know?

- Marshmallows used to be made from the roots of a plant called a marsh mallow that grew in marshes or swamps. Now marshmallows are made mostly from sugar.