

# Keeping You "In the Know..." 8/3/18

## What's Happening at CSC:

- The Call Center handled over 2,600 incoming calls on Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, the highest amount of incoming calls processed in a single day! Of those, over 1,700 were calls for the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) as educators and teachers are calling to renew their licenses. The high volume continued on Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> as the Call Center handled an additional 1,400 calls for ODE. Way to go, Call Center!
- Students in the annual Career Exploration program held the annual car wash this week and today feature the Best-Ever Bake Sale 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!
- 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 <a href="mailto:estdenis@clevelandsightcenter.org">estdenis@clevelandsightcenter.org</a>. 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.
- CSC added two new Radio Reading volunteers at Volunteer
   Orientation on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to Tom, a new off-site Radio Reader
   and Aaryana, a new on-site Radio Reader!



Tom and Aaryana smile in front of CSC's lobby wall sign.

## Educating and Engaging the Community:

• A fundraiser to benefit Highbrook Lodge was hosted by friend of CSC Lisa Monk, who's daughter Emma has attended camp at Highbrook Lodge for three years, and her family on Saturday evening July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at beautiful Kool Lake in Cuyahoga Falls. There was dinner and dessert, dancing to The Cover Band, boating, raffles, 50/50 and a corn hole tournament. Susie Meles represented CSC at the event, which was attended by over 250 people and raised over \$9,000! Thank you to Lisa and all of her family and friends for participating and supporting Highbrook Lodge on a fun, relaxing evening!



Kool Lake welcome sign for the fundraiser



Guests on the lawn and under the large tent



Emma with Highbrook Lodge staff member

Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer presented the "Aging Eye" program
to residents at Marc Apartments, a senior apartment complex in
Cleveland and Desmond Kennedy visited the staff at NorthShore Eye
Care in Avon Lake this week. Desmond represents CSC at a health
fair at Nottingham Library this weekend.

### This Week in the Eyedea Shop:

• The featured product of the week is the Hot Shot Hot Water Dispenser made by the trusted name of Sunbeam. If you're not a coffee drinker and don't need a coffee maker this might be a solution for heating up your hot water for tea and hot cocoa or your instant soup...even instant oatmeal in the morning. The Hot Shot Hot Water Dispenser takes less time than the microwave and has a small footprint on a counter or shelf. It is a great item for the office, kitchen counter or camper. The price is \$40.00.



Image of Hot Shot Hot Water Dispenser

 Can't make it to the Eyedea Shop at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at <u>www.eyedeashop.com</u> and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

#### Items of Note:

- Friend of CSC Antonio Dobyne recently passed the GED® test through CSC's Adult Literacy program in partnership with Cuyahoga Community College's Aspire program. Antonio is involved in many activities including CSC's Chess Club, the Cleveland Scrappers Beep Baseball Team and bowling. Congratulations to Antonio!
- The Ohio Library Council (OLC) and the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) announced that through an agreement with LinkedIn, Ohioans will gain free access to the online courses from Lynda.com with a valid Ohio library card. The agreement is the first-of-its-kind in the nation between LinkedIn and a statewide system of public libraries. Lynda.com, a company acquired by LinkedIn, is now part of LinkedIn Learning, and helps anyone learn business, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals. The service has more than 12,000 courses, ranging from computer programming to project management, including instruction on various computer software, programming languages, and business topics. The video courses are taught by industry experts and are designed for any skill level. For more information, click here.
- 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 (<a href="www.rebalexander.com">www.rebalexander.com</a>). 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, <a href="click here">click here</a> or contact Steve Frohwerk (x4562).



Photo of Rebecca Alexander

#### Did You Know?

• If you took a brand-new pencil and drew a line without stopping until the pencil was so small you couldn't hold it anymore, the line would be about 35 miles long.