



Keeping You “In the Know...” 8/5/16 (Early Edition)

A Message from Larry Benders:

- On behalf of all of us I would like to thank Governor John R. Kasich and the State of Ohio legislators for their interest in, and support of, Cleveland Sight Center. Over the course of several months, we have had the opportunity to tell our story to legislators during visits to Columbus and site visits to Cleveland Sight Center. Over the next month, we will be welcoming several legislators at [Highbrook Lodge](#) in Chardon.

In June, House Bill 390 was passed whereby Cleveland Sight Center was awarded capital funding to support our mission.

We are planning an Open House at CSC with our friends at Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye Institute. This September, ophthalmologists, ophthalmologist technicians and nurses, and eye care professionals from Cole Eye Institute will have the opportunity to visit CSC, learn about services, visit the [Low Vision Clinic](#) and [Eyedea Shop](#), and learn more about how to refer clients to CSC.

The agency continues to be vibrant every day. Thank you for your support of our work as we empower people with vision loss to realize their full potential and to shape the community’s vision of that potential.

Family & Friends BBQ is Sunday:

- Join the team for a day of fun in the sun on Sunday, August 7th at the [Family & Friends BBQ](#) to celebrate the end of summer at [Highbrook Lodge](#)! Tours, s’mores, cornhole and more will be happening

throughout the day along with a delicious BBQ lunch. Everyone is invited to this event, which is from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and a \$5 donation is asked for attendees' lunches. [Highbrook Lodge](#) is located at 12944 Aquilla Road in Chardon, OH 44024. For more information or to RSVP contact [Tamara Flowers](#) (216-791-8118).

CSC Recognized with Business Longevity Award:

- Cleveland Sight Center was recognized at the 2016 Business Longevity Awards on Thursday, August 4th at The Silver Grille in Downtown Cleveland. The inaugural Business Longevity Awards, presented by Smart Business Cleveland, recognized organizations with at least 50 years in business that demonstrate their ability to adapt and evolve with changing times. The panel discussion focused on what it takes for organizations to survive and thrive for 75 years or more. CSC was highlighted in the 100-year category. Representing the agency included Board Chair [Tom Furnas](#), Board Trustee [Dr. Ken Koster](#), and CSC staff members [Anthony Easley](#), [Steve Frohwerk](#), [Meghan Hanrahan](#), [Alicia Howerton](#), [Steve Jambrozy](#), [Kevin Krencisz](#), [Sherry Raymont](#), and [Paula Winter](#).

Strengthening Partnerships and Educating the Community:

- A group of 16 medical students from Case Western Reserve University medical school visited CSC this week. Each student was paired with a client volunteer for an interview about the client's experiences with the accessibility of medical care and doctors for those with disabilities. These informational interviews are designed to help the students think about patient care overall and caring for those with disabilities when they become doctors.
- CSC's [Adult Literacy Program](#), in partnership with Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C), begins its fourth year on Monday, August 29th. This year's program has seven new students enrolling with many former students returning. This program has branched off in additional

training in the areas of braille education and assistive technology training. These programs work in tangent with one another to enhance the quality of learning for our students. At the start of each academic year, a mandatory orientation is held for students who are to participate in the program. The orientation was held Tuesday, August 2nd and also allowed students complete paperwork for Tri-C and learn more about the services that Tri-C can assist. Also, the students began preliminary (pre-assessment) testing to determine academic levels in math, reading, and reading comprehension. Students were also made aware of other opportunities at CSC. To learn more about the program, contact [Anthony Easley](#) (216-791-8118). Know someone who would be a great classroom assistant volunteer? Contact [Jane Arnoff Logsdon](#) (216-791-8118).

Summer Programs Conclude:

- The 2016 [Career Exploration](#) program completes its third and final week. This week's activities included a bus/rapid trip to the West Side Market, volunteering at the American Red Cross, and two more afternoons at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. The eight teens also did lots of baking with CSC's [PREP](#) staff to prepare for Friday's Bake Sale. Remember, it's from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in both the upstairs and downstairs HUBs. Many thanks to the program's summer staff [Nicole Goldsby](#) and [Jeff London](#), CSC staff members [Mary Jo Chisnell](#), [Annette Jakse](#), and [Andrea Marley](#), and the Ohio State University interns [Angela Dibling](#) and [Karli Kitzmiller](#).



Career Exploration students walk through the West Side Market and await the RTA train

The 2016 [ABCs Day Camp](#) also wraps up this week. Eight children (including two sets of identical twins) enjoyed three weeks of fun and activities. Camp staff was led by Teacher of the Visually Impaired and Ohio State University intern [Chelsea Gerhan](#) with assistants [Karen Jones](#) and [Abby Schwartz](#). CSC's therapy staff including [Keith Filip](#), [Colleen Hunter](#), and [Monica Owen](#) helped make it a great summer.

- Congratulations to the [Transportation](#) team of [Curtis Smiley](#), [Toni Edwards](#), and [Ted Sanders](#) for last Friday's record-setting 28 people transported for CSC-related activities. The drivers assisted programs [Career Exploration](#) and [TLC](#) during a busy five-hour window. None of the summer programs could have happened without the daily commitment of the [Transportation](#) team, which managed more trips with the young adults and little campers than ever before. Way to go, team! Thanks to Sylvia Snyder and Scott Malone who have been pinch-hitting as drivers these last several weeks also!

[Eyedea Shop's Featured Product of the Week:](#)

- [Ott Lite Cambridge Floor Lamp](#). If you're looking for an attractive lamp for your home décor that provides good task/reading light, this might be what you're looking to purchase.

DESCRIPTION: The 25w Cambridge Floor Lamp combines classic styling with an elegant rubbed bronze finish and adjustable glass shade. Inspired by vintage streetlamp design, the graceful arm, bell-shaped shade, and antiqued bronze finish make this lamp a lovely and classic addition to any room in your home. Matching table lamp also available. Features two points of adjustment at the shaft and shade for custom light angle placement. OttLite allows you to see details clearly and colors accurately, helping you do what you love, longer.

DETAILS

- Dual turnkeys rotate and tilt shade and arm for fine-tuned directional lighting
- Looks great next to your favorite chair or living room sofa — ideal for crafting, reading and more
- Elegant rubbed bronze finish
- Bulb included. Rated to last up to 10,000 hours (Replacement bulb type V)

The price is \$140. If you would like to see it in person, please stop by the [Eyedea Shop](#) and take a look or call (216-791-8118) with any questions.

Calling All Artists:

- Are you or do you know an artist who has blindness or low vision? Submissions are now being accepted for artwork to be on the cover of some of CSC's 2016 [Holiday Cards](#)! Please submit entries to [Barbara Piascik](#) in the [Eyedea Shop](#) by September 1st, 2016. Entries will be presented to a selection committee and are limited to two (2) per artist. If original artwork is not submitted, high resolution images of the artwork will be accepted. Artwork that is selected for [Holiday Cards](#) will be displayed in the [Eyedea Shop](#) and in the main lobby at CSC with the option to be sold. Interested buyers will be directed to the artist. Artwork that is not selected will be returned to artist.

Items of Note:

- The annual “[See What’s Possible](#)” workshop for teachers, educators, and those working with students who are blind or have low vision in the 2016-2017 school year is scheduled for Thursday, August 11th at CSC. The workshop will feature strategies, technology, and demonstrations. The program fee is \$25 and includes all materials, lunch, and certificate. Contact [Lorie Marsalis](#) (216-791-8118) to register or for more information.
- This year’s CSC [Golf Classic](#) will be Monday, August 15th at Westfield Group Country Club. For the second straight year, this tremendous fundraising and awareness opportunity is the result of the [Employment](#) team’s strong partnership with Westfield Group’s human resources department. The cost to participate is \$250 per person and includes an 18-hole scramble format, greens fees, golf cart, boxed lunch, awards reception including hors d’oeuvres and beverages, golfer gifts, contests and prizes. Foursomes are available for \$1,250 which includes a hole sponsorship. Contact [Steve Frohwerk](#) (216-791-8118) for additional information or [click here](#). Please pass along to those family, friends, colleagues, and business associates who may be interested in teeing it up for a great cause!
- For the hot, hazy month of August, [Job Club](#) will focus on the hot and often hazy topic of Social Security benefits. Please join the team on Thursday, August 18th from 10:00-11:30 AM in the [Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium](#) as [Job Club](#) welcomes Jasmine Chandler, Area V Social Security Area Work Incentives Coordinator. Ms. Chandler will explain SSI and SSDI benefits, discuss working while disabled, and provide advice regarding reporting of income. Bring questions to cool your confusions. For more information about [Job Club](#), contact [Nicole Kahn](#) (x4686).
- [Bright Futures Preschool](#) begins Monday, August 29th. CSC is still accepting enrollment. Contact [Sylvia Snyder](#) (216-791-8118) for more information.

- [Spellbound](#), CSC's annual fundraising gala, celebrates 30 years in 2016! Save the date for this year's fundraiser, Saturday, September 24th at Landerhaven in Mayfield Heights. This year's theme is "Looking Back, Seeing the Future" and part of the evening will highlight CSC's [Early Intervention](#) program. More information, including event invitations, will be available in the near future. Contact [Steve Frohwerk](#) (216-791-8118) for additional information.

Did You Know?

- The Summer Olympics are officially underway. [Click here](#) for 16 fun facts about this year's Olympics.

Have a gold-medal-winning weekend!

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