

Keeping You "In the Know..." 9/15/17

Michael Hingson at CSC Today!

Michael Hingson, the featured speaker at Spellbound, will visit CSC today at 12:30 p.m. with his guide dog Africa in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium to demonstrate assistive technology product Aira and speak with CSC staff and clients. Light lunch, snacks and beverages will be available. Please plan to stop by!

Spellbound is Today!

• Today is Spellbound, CSC's annual fundraising gala. The event will be held at Landerhaven starting at 6:00 p.m. Check back next week for a summary and photos of the event.

CSC Featured in Crain's Cleveland Business:

 CSC's Call Center was featured in Crain's Cleveland Business this week, showcasing the quality work of the Call Center and the various agencies served by CSC representatives. <u>Click here for the full article</u>. The news also made the Center for Community Solution's "Five Things You Need to Know This Week" weekly email feature.

What's Happening at CSC:

 Congratulations to Children & Young Adult Services (CYAS) staff members Brenda Lammers and Rebecca Cornell who recently became Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation & Education Professionals (ACVREP) Certified Orientation & Mobility Specialists (COMS) and have chosen to work with us at Cleveland Sight Center. A big accomplishment!

- 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. Contact Sylvia Snyder (216-791-8118) for more information.
- The Therapeutic Recreation team held the highly anticipated return of Latin Dance on Tuesday, September 12th. Did you miss out? Latin Dance classes will be taught by guest instructors from the Viva Dance Studio every Tuesday at CSC from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. No previous dance experience is necessary, just come ready to move! For more information, contact Mollie Evans (216-791-8118).
- Applying for jobs can be stressful CSC's Job Club wants to help! Join their next meeting at CSC on Thursday, September 28th at 10:00 a.m. in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium as Lindsay Svarovsky and Mollie Evans from CSC's Therapeutic Recreation team discuss signs of stress and offer tips, strategies and resources on how to manage personal or work-related stress. Contact Nicole Kahn (x4686) for additional information.
- CSC welcomes Charles Palmer from Low Vision Aids, Inc. to the agency on Monday, October 9th to demonstrate the Patriot Voice Plus, a standalone scanning device which integrates high quality, accurate, text to speech in a compact design easily moved around the home or office. The Patriot Voice Plus is Wi-Fi enabled for internet voice searches. The demonstration is open to staff, clients, customers and outside eye care professionals and will be from 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Tom Sawyer (216-791-8118).

Strengthening Partnerships:

 A group of 12 students from Hawken School volunteered at CSC on Thursday, September 14th, learning about the agency and helping with an IT recycling project, Spellbound preparations, envelope stuffing for the Call Center and general housekeeping around the building.



Group shot of Hawken students in the lobby



Students prepare mailing envelopes



Students work on the computer equipment recycling project

 The Cleveland Playhouse will put on an accessible performance of Shakespeare in Love on Saturday, September 30th, complete with audio description, a pre-show lecture and discounted tickets for individuals with vision loss. If you are interested in purchasing these tickets, please contact Lisa Gallowitz at 216-400-7096 or Igallowitz@clevelandplayhouse.com.

- Lisa Cellura presented the "Blindness Basics" program at the new Jennings assisted living facility in Brecksville on Monday. That evening, Sylvia Snyder presented CSC's programs and services to the Middleburg Heights Kiwanis Club. Desmond Kennedy spoke with the ophthalmic technicians and staff at MetroHealth's Health and Surgery Center on West 150th Street and Tom Sawyer represented CSC at the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging's Senior Wellness Expo at Richmond Mall on Wednesday.
- CSC partners with students from Case for Sight for the annual "Dinner in the Dark," a blindfolded culinary experience to benefit CSC, on the campus of Case Western Reserve University on Friday, September 22nd. Lisa Cellura will provide an explanation of the "clock method" as it relates to one's plate and table settings before guests have dinner. Jonathan Lass, MD will present on "Pursuing a Career in Clinical Research in Medicine". The event is held at the Thwing Ballroom at 11111 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland. Tickets are \$10 for dinner, the lecture and entertainment. For more information, contact Lisa Cellura (216-791-8118).



Dinner in the Dark promotional graphic

Eyedea Shop's Featured Product of the Week: The Eyedea Shop!

 The Eyedea Shop at Cleveland Sight Center features an Item of the Week...but did you know the store has over 900 other items as well to help daily routines at the office or at home, even if you don't have vision loss issues. Lighting, paper products, magnifiers, kitchen and health items, sunglasses, games, canes and much more! If you're looking for something to help a family member who struggles with vision loss or just something for yourself, the Eyedea Shop is a great resource. Cane repair is offered once a month and watch battery replacements are available as long as the watch was purchased from the store. This service is a drop off and pick up only. The 2018 Large Print Calendars will be arriving in a few weeks and this year's selection of Holiday Cards will be coming in November. Please stop in or call the store at x4666. The staff is always happy to help! • 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:

 CSC Board Trustee Dr. Suber Huang provided details on the upcoming world premiere of Seven Years of Darkness, an award winning short film telling the story of Dr. Anthony Easley's emotional and courageous journey from sight to blindness to sight again. Dr. Huang was Anthony Easley's surgeon and will discuss the film and other medical innovative breakthroughs for patients with vision loss.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, November 2nd. There is a 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. show. The event will be held at Canterbury Country Club, 22000 South Woodland Road, Beachwood, OH 44122. Tickets can be purchased (\$25.00 donation benefiting the Future Vision Foundation) via RSVP:

Petra Vanderlinden, Executive VP <u>Pvl.fvf@gmail.com</u> Send checks to: Future Vision Foundation 1611 South Green Road, Suite 230 Cleveland, OH 44121-4134

This is a business casual attire event.

- Did you know those grocery store trips can help raise funds for Cleveland Sight Center? CSC's Bright Futures Preschool is a part of Giant Eagle, Inc.'s "Apples for the Students" program! Points are collected based on eligible purchases and will credit Bright Futures Preschool quarterly with the points earned. Register your Advantage Card today to support our preschoolers! Easy to follow instructions are:
 - 1. Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card at GiantEagle.com/AFTS

- 2. Enter our School ID # 5788
- 3. Shop with your Giant Eagle Advantage Card.

Each time your Giant Eagle Advantage Card is scanned, through March 16, 2018, your purchase automatically earns funds used to obtain our overall educational needs. This does not affect any other program offered by Giant Eagle – including fuelperks.

 On Sunday, September 17th from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., East Boulevard between Superior Ave and Ford Drive and Ford Drive between East Boulevard and Bellflower Road will be closed for <u>CiCLEvia East</u>, an Open Streets event. Police and/or security officers will staff all closures along the route. Traffic will be maintained on Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard, E. 105th Street, and Bellflower Road. Traffic will be permitted to cross the route with assistance from an officer at Wade Park and E. 108th Street. You can read more about CiCLEvia East <u>here</u>.

Did You Know?

• Spellbound celebrates 31 years in 2017 and to date has raised over \$4.1 million for CSC's programs and services.