

Keeping you “In the Know...” 4/10/15

Strengthening Partnerships and Thank You Volunteers:

The [Ticket to Work](#) program continues to receive clients! Next week, Judy Post and Joel Proskovec will visit with a client that was referred to CSC by Dr. Christina Delos Reyes and Sterling Garrett will meet with a client who found CSC on the [Ticket to Work](#) website. Dr. Christina Delos Reyes is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at University Hospitals of Cleveland who participates in the Supported Employment team meeting once each month to offer Employment Specialists guidance on helping clients better manage psychological issues that are affecting their progress in achieving employment.

Alexis Vinick met with Independence-based [Avtron Aerospace](#), who reached out to CSC, this week to talk about employment opportunities. Since 1953, Avtron has been developing innovative test technology to support the needs of aircraft manufacturers, component OEMs, and MRO facilities worldwide. Avtron is the preferred provider of generator and hydraulic test systems, automatic test equipment for electronics, ground support equipment, aircraft load banks and custom test solutions used to test aircraft flight components. The Supported Employment team plans to visit Avtron Aerospace to tour the plant and learn more about specific jobs in the near future.

The Retirees of Eaton, a group of volunteers who have retired from [Eaton Corporation](#), visited CSC for their monthly day of service project, placing spring bulbs in cups to be given to CSC's volunteers during National Volunteer Week, which occurs April 12th – 18th. Click [here](#) to read more about this group.

The Delta Gamma Fraternity at Case Western Reserve University will complete a “Saturday of Service” at CSC on Saturday, April 11th. The group will be cleaning playground equipment and other activities for the CYAS department. The Saturday of Service is coordinated by the Center for Civic Engagement & Learning (CCEL) at Case Western Reserve University and provides both on-campus and off-campus service opportunities for students on this day. It is designed to encourage students to get involved in the Cleveland community.

Greg McGrath hosts volunteers at CSC on Sunday, April 12th to complete housekeeping tasks and general clean-up for the Recreation department.

Please take time next week to recognize the dedication and timeless effort our volunteers give to CSC. It is their time and energy that makes a difference in the lives of those we serve.

The [Cleveland Chapter of the Foundation for Fighting Blindness](#) will host a meeting at CSC this weekend to plan their June [VisionWalk](#).

Over 25 participants have signed up for Camp Hubble Day, sponsored by NASA Glenn Research Center, which will be held at CSC on Saturday, April 18th. The interactive program for middle school students will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Hubble Telescope. Participants will enjoy activities with NASA scientists, engineers and volunteers to learn about Hubble. For more information on this invitation-only program, contact [Sylvia Snyder](#) (x8777).

CSC to Light Up the Cleveland Sky:

As part of raising awareness for White Cane Week (May 11 – 17) and this year's White Cane Walk & 5K Run (June 20), the Terminal Tower in downtown Cleveland will be lit up in red and white lights on Monday, April 27th! Do you have any ideas to promote this opportunity or a suggestion for a great location to get pictures? Send your thoughts to Meghan Hanrahan (x4564). Follow the Terminal Tower's Twitter page here and get those cameras ready...be sure to spread the word!

Preparations for Highbrook Lodge:

Registration for Highbrook Lodge is in full swing! Please encourage clients to submit an Application Packet AND their deposit ASAP as the application deadline is May 1st! Any staff interested in attending camp this summer should also submit an Application Packet ASAP! FYI - we have a new Young Adult Sports Camp (for ages 18-40) on the weekend of August 7th – 9th that would fit perfectly into your working schedule! Application Packets can be requested from Tammy Flowers (x4593).

Help us spread the word! Highbrook Lodge is still currently looking for the Summer Camp Nurse. We are seeking a Registered Nurse licensed in the State of Ohio who is available from June 12th – August 10th or any combination of weeks during that time. The position is typically residential – a private room and meals are provided during their stay with us in addition to pay. Full job description and online application available here: Interested applicants may also email or call Camp Manager Lindsay Lowe (216-658-4596).

As the team prepares for another exciting season, the retaining wall at Highbrook Lodge is complete.

CARF Corner:

CARF is the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities and its mission is to promote the quality, value and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process and continuous improvement services that center on enhancing the lives of persons served.

New to Accreditation - CVES/Vocational Testing

Or as CARF refers to it -- Comprehensive Vocational Evaluation Services (CVE). This is the first year CSC will be seeking accreditation for our vocational testing services. Through Fiscal Year 2015 to date, Paul Rosenberg and the team of vocational evaluators have tested over 25 individuals.

Our CSC evaluators have been trained in the Comprehensive Vocational Evaluation System (CVES). The CVES is a reliable, well-researched, and comprehensive assessment of abstract learning and problem-solving, verbal and non-verbal memory, verbal receptive and expressive language functions, spatial organization and analysis, tactile abilities, emotional-coping skills, and functional adaptive behaviors. Because there are no visual requirements for the CVES, it is used to assess factors empirically related to vocational and rehabilitation outcomes of fully-sighted adolescents and adults, as well as those with blindness or low vision.

Consumer Council Corner:

The Consumer Council hosted a forum on Thursday, April 9th at CSC. The weather posed a hurdle for many clients to join the Consumer Council for the second client forum of 2015. Even with a small attendance, the energy and questions were all well informed. The guest speaker was Brandon Wray, vocational rehabilitation supervisor for Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD). Mr. Wray described the efforts of OOD to support persons with disabilities who are interested in entering the world of work. He explained the eligibility process to the attendees and encouraged them to contact his office to take advantage of this opportunity. He was also proud of the fact that Cleveland Sight Center houses counselors from OOD at least four days a week. The relationship of CSC and OOD is strong and he envisions it growing in the future. Contact [Anthony Easley](#) (x8751) for more information on the Consumer Council.

Exams for Guide Dogs:

For the fourth consecutive year, Dr. Mark Bobofchak and Betsey Hallenburg of Eye Care for Animals in Akron are donating their services for CSC employee and client guide dogs. They will be at CSC on Wednesday, May 20th to conduct free eye exams beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium A. Contact [Lorie Marsalis](#) (x8768) to schedule an examination. There is a registration form that needs to be completed for each dog being examined – Lorie has offered to help anyone who needs assistance.

Items of Note:

CVS Health now offers talking, Braille and large print prescription labels through its Mail Service Pharmacy for individuals with vision impairments. Click [here](#) for more information.

Don't forget to file your taxes (or an extension) – next Wednesday is April 15th.

Aaannnndddd They're Off:

Night at the Races will be held at CSC on Saturday, April 25th. Any donation will be matched, dollar for dollar, by an anonymous (and generous!) donor. All proceeds will benefit Highbrook Lodge! For more information including buying tickets or sponsoring a horse [click here](#).