

Keeping you “In the Know...” 5/29/15

On Your Mark....Get Set....Go Walk, Run or Come Have Fun!

- Thank you for your past support of White Cane Walk, which has grown considerably over the last decade. Let’s make this year’s event the BIGGEST and BEST-ATTENDED to date! Register today at www.whitecanewalk.org.

Congratulations to the Graduates!

- Bright Futures Preschool Graduation was held Thursday, May 28th in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. The program, titled “Bright Futures Academy Awards,” featured remarks by Larry Benders, Sylvia Snyder and diploma presentation from preschool teacher Miss Kristen. Thanks to all staff who attended as well as Board Chair Tom Furnas and Board Trustees Fred Jones, Caroline Oberndorf, Andy Sikorovsky and Linda Smythe. Congratulations to the youngsters and CYAS staff on a fun and successful year of school!



Larry Benders next to Academy Awards sign



Preschooler Ryan’s Hollywood star



Noah G, Mr. Keith, Miss Kristen and Noah J.



Miss Phyllis congratulates Noah J.



Preschooler Jasleen poses on the red carpet technology



Preschooler Matthew checks out the

It's Almost Time for Camp Season at Highbrook Lodge:

- The 2015 camp season officially gets underway on Monday, June 8th with the arrival of the first set of summer staff at Highbrook Lodge. Additional staff members arrive the following weekend for a week of intense (and fun) training! Camp Manager Lindsay Lowe will be living and working at Highbrook Lodge from June 7th through the end of August. Lindsay will be reachable via phone (x4596) or by email (llowe@clevelandsightcenter.org).
- Camper spots are filling up fast! Applications are still being accepted; however, encourage clients to register ASAP so they don't miss out on sessions. The first set of campers arrives in less than a month on Monday, June 22nd. Contact Tamara Flowers (x4593) for information or refer to the Highbrook Lodge section of the website, [linked here](#).
- The following volunteer groups are providing valuable resources to get Highbrook Lodge ready for the camp season:
 - 60 members of Progressive's Special Lines/IT-Business Department volunteered at Highbrook Lodge on Wednesday, May 20th. The group completed interior and exterior painting, yard work and mulching.



Group photo of Progressive volunteers on the lawn at Highbrook Lodge

- Members of Delta Gamma Cleveland East alumnae group held a meeting at Highbrook Lodge on Thursday, May 21st. The ladies also completed their annual upkeep and added new flowers to the flower bed in front of Smith Lodge which honors Nan Trimble, a former CSC board trustee, longtime CSC volunteer and Delta Gamma member.
- A small group of volunteers from Rockwell International completed interior painting and yard work on Friday, May 22nd.
- Another group of Progressive volunteers, these from Progressive's Real Estate division, visited Thursday, May 28th and set up beds, pool supplies, interior painting and log splitting.
- 65 members of Lubrizol Corporation will be at Highbrook Lodge on Thursday, June 4th and will tackle some bigger projects such as installing a new sliding door system in the main lodge, repairing the bathroom floor in Emilie Cabin and making the bowling alley entrance wheelchair accessible...among other things!
- Save the following dates for exciting events at Highbrook Lodge:
 - Ralph Johnson and The Chozen Few Band will perform at camp again this summer on Friday, July 10th from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Come out to Highbrook Lodge that evening for dinner at 6:00pm and stay for the amazing show! A \$5 donation is appreciated and RSVP to Tammy Flowers (x4593) if planning to attend.
 - Join us for the annual Family & Friends BBQ on Sunday, August 9th from 1:00pm-3:00pm at Highbrook Lodge. Join us for an excellent cookout, tours of camp and more! Fee is \$5/person. **NEW for 2015:** Bus transportation from CSC to Highbrook Lodge and back will be available. The bus will leave from CSC at noon. Cost is \$15/person. RSVP to Tammy Flowers (x4593) if planning to attend.

Educating the Community:

- Lisa Cellura presented the "Aging Eye" program at Rocky River Senior Center. Tim Moran represented the agency with a display and information at the Mount Alverna Village Senior Health Expo in Independence on Wednesday. On Thursday Lisa Cellura hosted friends of Board Trustee Fred Jones and conducted a tour of CSC.

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.

How will accreditation improve the quality of our organization's services? Accreditation assures the public that you have made a commitment to continually enhance the quality of your services and programs and that your organization's focus is on the satisfaction of the persons served.

Accreditation benefits

CARF accreditation can help your organization meet the challenges it faces in achieving quality outcomes for the persons you serve. Specific benefits that CARF accreditation affords a provider include:

- Assurance to persons seeking services that a provider has demonstrated conformance to internationally accepted standards.
- Improved communication with persons served.
- Person-focused standards that emphasize an integrated and individualized approach to services and outcomes.
- Accountability to funding sources, referral agencies, and the community.
- Management techniques that are efficient, cost-effective, and based on outcomes and consumer satisfaction.
- Evidence to federal, state, provincial, and local governments of commitment to quality of programs and services that receive government funding.
- Guidance for responsible management and professional growth of personnel.
- A tool for marketing programs and services to consumers, referral sources, and third-party funders.
- Support from CARF through consultation, publications, conferences, training opportunities, and newsletters.

Items of Note:

- A new eBook on Apple accessibility supports is being created for users with low vision. [Click here](#) for a sneak peek at the eBook.
- [Click here](#) for a list of the most recommended apps for people with vision loss.