

Keeping you “In the Know...” 6/26/15

## White Cane Walk & 5K Run a Huge Success!

- Contributions to Saturday’s White Cane Walk & 5K Run have totaled \$99,000 (and counting) for programs and services at CSC! Despite a mid-morning rain shower, over 250 people of all ages experienced the event, which included a 5K Run, a variety of activities to learn about blindness and low vision, and the White Cane Walk with special appearances from Cavaliers mascot Moondog, Indians mascot Slider and Frito-Lay’s Chester the Cheetah! Thanks abound to everyone who contributed and participated in the event, including staff, Board Trustees, volunteers, donors and sponsors. **Because of you, we are able to make a difference in the lives of our clients who are blind or have low vision. THANK YOU!**



A rainbow above Legacy Village



Group shot before the White Cane Walk



Runners begin the 5K Run



Kevin Krencisz is “two thumbs up” as he approaches the 5K Run finish line





Tom Sawyer shows a CCTV to guests



Cavaliers mascot Moondog and Steve Frohwerk



Walkers begin the White Cane Walk



Larry Benders walks as a sighted guide partner



5K Runner with his sighted guide partners

- **Congratulations to Board Trustee Sara Parish who chaired this year's White Cane Walk & 5K Run and thanks to the following Trustees who stopped by the event on Saturday: Sheryl King Benford, Mary Bookman, Tom Furnas, Tom Galvin, Susan Harnden, Fred**

**Jones, Howard Lichtig, Caroline Oberndorf, Beverly Roach, Jon Saada, Gordon Safran, Linda Smythe, Mike Weissman, Stanley Wertheim and Frann Zverina.**



**Larry Benders and Board Trustees with Indians mascot Slider**

- Special shout-outs to Chris Gruber, Scott Malone and Ted Sanders for their help loading the supply truck on Friday afternoon and to Chris Gruber, Scott Malone and wife Christine, Bobbie Christopher and Curtis Smiley for unloading the supply truck at CSC on Saturday afternoon.
- A recap video of the event is now available [here](#) on the CSC website. Thank you Kevin Krencisz for capturing the event and putting together the video!

### **Strengthening Partnerships:**

- The Argus II project with Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye Institute had its first implant surgery Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. The device is scheduled to be turned on for the patient in a few weeks. CSC will play an integral role in the post-operative process through rehabilitation services and mobility training to the patient.
- Over a year ago, Mary Jo Chisnell and Jennifer Dean met with MetroHealth representatives to advise on best practices for patients with visual impairments. Staff learned about a wide variety of topics ranging from sighted guide techniques, having every staff member announce themselves, making items such as 20/20 pens or magnifiers available and more. MetroHealth Hospital has implemented these suggestions as part of their Language Access and Communication Services Department, which will serve the visually impaired, hearing impaired and individuals who need translation services. More information can be found [here](#).





The new Language Access and Communication Services front desk at MetroHealth Hospital

- CSC will participate as a community sponsor in the upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Wade Oval. The day-long event runs from 11:00am – 9:00pm. For additional information, contact [Dr. Anthony Easley](#) at 216-791-8118.



Flyer for ADA celebration on July 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Engaging and Educating the Community:**

- Board Trustee Howard Lichtig introduced a friend and colleague to CSC with a visit and tour on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- On Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> Alicia Howerton and volunteer Mike Musgrave attended the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Senior Expo at Richmond Mall.
- Susie Meles presented the Aging Eye program and discussed Services for Seniors to the Akron Interfaith Caregivers on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Camp is Officially Open at Highbrook Lodge!**

- A week-long staff orientation wrapped up on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Highbrook Lodge staff members were trained in everything from emergency procedures to orientation and mobility to how to help campers when they participate in archery.



Highbrook Lodge staff members hold the Highbrook Lodge flag

- Adult Celebration, a week at Highbrook Lodge for individuals with multiple disabilities, is in full swing! Campers have enjoyed traveling through the decades during the “Time Flies When You’re Having Fun” theme week. Activities include swimming, canoeing and fishing, horseback riding, tent campouts, arts and crafts, choir practice and more! The session wraps up on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.



Campers canoe with guides aboard



Camper enjoys horseback riding

### **CARF Corner:**

- CARF Corner – Vision Rehabilitation Services

Under Vision Rehabilitation Services, accreditation is available for the following Programs: Comprehensive Vision Rehabilitation Services; Orientation and Mobility Services, Vision Rehabilitation Therapy and Low Vision Therapy. Over the next few weeks, we will discuss at length each program description and some of the standards surveyors will review during a CARF survey session.

**Vision rehabilitation therapy** includes instructing persons with low vision and blindness in the use of compensatory skills and assistive technology that will enable them to live safe, productive and interdependent lives. Vision rehabilitation therapy includes work in areas that enhance vocational opportunities, independent living, and the educational development of persons with low vision and blindness, and may include working in center based or itinerant settings.

CARF Surveyors will want to assure that persons served and their advocates are given understandable information regarding the scope of services available to meet specialized needs. Examples would include purpose, goals and objectives of services to be provided; the expectations of each person's participation and responsibilities; the design and scope of services available to meet identified needs; how services will be delivered; an estimate of the duration of services; how services will be completed and how transition and discharge planning will occur. Surveyors will ask how this information is provided to persons served and their advocates.

### **Items of Note:**

- CSC will be closed on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Holiday.
- [Click here](#) for an article on depth-sensing glasses that can help people with little sight get around more easily.

- [Click here](#) for an article that showcases how Apple has added a new featured section to the App Store in which it is highlighting apps that take advantage of the iOS VoiceOver feature. Last month, Apple was recognized by the American Foundation for the Blind for its efforts to accommodate users who suffer from vision loss.