

Are You Up to the Challenge?

- This year’s White Cane Walk event is June 20th at Legacy Village! New this year is a 5K Run ([click here](#) to register for the 5K Run). We’re only two weeks out, so be sure to sign up today. Learn more at www.whitecanewalk.org!

Strengthening Partnerships:

- Susie Meles, Barb Piascik and Debbie Ruffin met with Darlene Dalton, Krickett Penn and Anna Freitag of Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) on Tuesday, June 2nd. The meeting at CSC was a wonderful opportunity to gather and discuss the “new” Independent Living program. Now that the program has run for two months, many questions were answered with the intent of continuing the relationship forward as a united team in serving seniors in the community. The meeting was so helpful it was decided to meet quarterly moving forward.
- Kudos to Randy Knapp for his recent consulting work with local technology leader OnBase by Hyland (Hyland Software) on improving accessibility of various software products. Said a contact at Hyland, Randy’s “assistance helped improve the software dramatically. His name comes up from almost everyone we talk to in the Cleveland Accessibility Community.” Hyland Software is looking forward for the opportunity to do more work with CSC.
- Nearly 75 volunteers from Lubrizol Corporation spent Thursday, June 4th at Highbrook Lodge tackling major projects which included installing new sliding glass doors in Smith Lodge, laying concrete to make the bowling alley accessible for wheelchairs, and replacing flooring in one of the cabin bathrooms. In addition, the group cleaned the grounds and cabins, spread mulch and painted various rooms. It was truly a remarkable effort...all “done in a day!”



Group photo of Lubrizol volunteers



Volunteers measure the new concrete sidewalk



New sliding glass doors in Smith Lodge



Volunteers load mulch onto wheelbarrows

- The Highbrook Lodge Committee met at camp on Thursday, June 4th to review programming, facilities and finances and discussed how committee members can be involved including helping with the Annual Highbrook Appeal, marketing the programs and helping promote “wish list” items.



Highbrook Lodge Committee members, led by Board Trustee Frann Zverina

CYAS Programs Update:

- The Preschool Vision Screening program concluded another successful school year with 6,675 preschoolers screened, resulting in 375 referrals for additional testing. Nearly 200 volunteers work with Louise Miller to canvas Northeast Ohio and provide this impactful service, which allows for potential eye conditions to be identified early in children. An updated handbook and trainings will be offered later this summer. Contact Lorie Marsalis (x8768) if you are interested or know someone who may be interested in providing these vision screenings.
- Teens and young adults participating in CSC’s Summer Youth Work Experience program arrive on Sunday, June 14th. Bright Futures Summer Day Camp for preschoolers begins Monday, June 15th. For a list of all CYAS summer programs and activities, [click here](#).

CARF Corner and HIPPA Compliance:

- 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.

Comprehensive Vision Rehabilitation Services provide a comprehensive rehabilitation program, including skills acquisition, psychosocial adjustment and community integration for persons served. This is accomplished through a full-service continuum provided by residential and/or community-based blind or deaf/blind rehabilitation services. A comprehensive rehabilitation plan is developed to incorporate the person's expressed goals, identified needs as assessed by professional staff members and available community resources.

Part One: Surveyors will want to review the availability of *choice* about how services will be delivered. How do you provide information to persons served and their advocates about the purposes, goals and objectives of services to be provided? Expectations of each person's participation and responsibilities? Design and scope of services available to meet identified needs? How services will be delivered? Duration of services?

An organization's aggregate outcomes information is made available to referral sources and to persons served so they can make informed decisions based on the success rates and overall quality of the services provided. How is this accomplished? Publication of an aggregate outcomes report on an organization's website, in annual reports, or in other publications may meet the need of referral sources for outcomes information.

- In efforts to conform to CARF and HIPAA regulations, CSC is rolling out a HIPAA training session that includes a 17-minute PowerPoint presentation (in audio) and ending with a Q&A quiz. The quiz is designed to not only educate staff but open the floor for further discussion regarding HIPAA concerns and/or general questions. Over the next month, Charlotte Fornal and Gloria Medlen will attend individual department meetings to successfully achieve this objective.

Safety First!

- As construction projects continue around CSC's property, conditions are constantly changing. Please be aware of your surroundings. Any questions can be directed to Chris Gruber (x4540).

From the Consumer Council:

- The U.S. Department of Education is conducting an online survey of employment issues for working-age adults with disabilities. This survey is open to individuals with disabilities or family members of individuals who are employed or seeking employment. The primary purpose of

this survey is to understand the mechanisms by which individuals with disabilities strive to work and the challenges they face in doing so.

Results from this survey will inform research and advocacy efforts to develop innovative and sustainable approaches across stakeholder groups to maximize the employment opportunities of people with disabilities.

Take the National Employment Survey

- **Wanted: Your Comments on the Accessibility of Hotels and Lodging Facilities**

Have you encountered any barriers while staying in a hotel because of your disability? The State University of New York College at Brockport is conducting a study to determine the accessibility of lodging facilities like hotels and motels with the life experiences of people with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities, their families and traveling companions are all encouraged to participate by completing a brief online survey. Responses will be kept confidential, will only be used for academic purposes within the scope of the study, and are expected to help improve the accessibility of tourism and lodging facilities.

Take the accessibility of hotels and lodging facilities survey.

Items of Note:

- Highbrook Lodge t-shirts (grey t-shirts with the Highbrook Lodge logo) are now for sale in the Eyedea Shop! T-shirts cost \$12.50 each and sizes range from Adult Small – Adult 2XL. Stop in and purchase yours today!



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- The Braille Notes Choir performed a Spring Concert at CSC on Wednesday, June 3rd. The performers entertained a crowd of nearly 40 with numbers such as “Let There Be Peace on Earth,” “Lean on Me” and “Hit the Road, Jack”.



Braille Notes Choir leader welcome guests



Braille Notes Choir performs "Lean on Me"

- The 2015 Premier CIO Forum will be held June 11-12 and allows for IT leaders to connect, network and share best practices. Mike McManamon is a member of the Forum's Executive Advisory Council and will attend on behalf of CSC.
- Attention all shoppers...visit online retailer [AmazonSmile](#) for your online purchases and remember to designate CSC as your charity of choice. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to CSC.
- [Labels for Education](#) is offering another bonus to Bright Futures Preschool! For each sheet with five UPCs (three from any Campbell's product and two from Pepperidge Farm) we get 50 points instead of the usual five points. Pepperidge Farm UPCs are very much needed. Besides Goldfish, other Pepperidge Farm products include: bread, cookies, crackers, stuffing and croutons, as well as frozen cakes, turnovers, puff pastry & garlic bread – all of which are delicious and eligible. For a complete list, [click here](#).
- Kristin Grender, a Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI) and Orientation & Mobility (O&M) Instructor in Wisconsin, wrote a book about [White Cane Day](#) (October 15) and what it represents, the white cane law and why it is celebrated. The book is upbeat and positive while celebrating diversity within the blindness community. But even while the book is cute and easy to read, she's also sure to get across the serious points of why the white cane is important and how to follow the white cane law. But the most important lesson in her book is simple: "Visual impairments do not have to hold you back from success!" The book can be purchased [here](#).
- [Click here](#) to read more about a white cane that recognizes faces up to 30 feet away.