



Keeping you “In the Know...” 8/14/15

CSC’s Golf Classic is Monday – FORE!!!

- CSC [Golf Classic](#) at [Westfield Group Country Club](#) is Monday, August 17th! This tremendous fundraising and awareness opportunity is the result of the [Supported Employment](#) team’s strong partnership with Westfield Group’s human resources department. Participants from CSC’s [Golf](#) program will play in the round along with Board Trustees, friends of CSC and leaders from Westfield Group. Thanks to Board Trustees [Howard Lichtig](#), [Sara Parish](#), [Doug Piper](#), [Gary Poth](#) and [Frann Zverina](#) for their direction and input on the [Golf Committee](#).

Improving CSC’s Services and Measuring Outcomes:

- CSC has begun to measure and analyze the outcomes of our rehabilitation and supportive services by use of the World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule 2.0 (WHODAS). The WHODAS is published by the World Health Organization (WHO) and derived from the International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (ICF), that was endorsed in May 2001 by all 191 WHO member states “as the international standard to describe and measure health and disability.” Moreover, the WHODAS is an assessment tool that has demonstrated reliability, validity and cross-cultural applicability. Its use will allow CSC associates to better identify a client’s specific functional impairments so that appropriate services are offered and to measure the effectiveness of the interventions in which the person participates. CSC will use the WHODAS to achieve a clear and measurable understanding of the outcomes of our services and to

learn how best to provide services that result in optimal improvement in the lives of the persons we serve.

CSC's team of social workers have begun to administer this assessment at defined times and with the consent and participation of the person served. Social workers are ideally suited for this task, since it is their professional charge to help enhance the coping and problem-solving skills of persons served, to help them access and effectively use needed resources, to advocate for the protection of their safety, health, dignity, and rights, and to promote their meaningful and responsible participation in their community.

For additional information on WHODAS, [click here](#).

Strengthening Partnerships and Increasing CSC's Presence:

- CSC participated in an event at the United Way of Greater Cleveland on Tuesday, August 11th. The session was facilitated by John Corlett, President and Executive Director of the Center for Community Solutions, where providing services reimbursed by Medicaid and the waiver system was discussed. Joining [Larry Benders](#) and [Jassen Tawil](#) were representatives from partner agencies Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center, United Cerebral Palsy, Achievement Centers, along with CSC's United Way program officer Sarah May.
- [Larry Benders](#) continues to meet with many area leaders in an effort to build relationships and explore opportunities. CSC hosted Jennell Vick, [Executive Director of the Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center](#), on Wednesday, August 12th. The purpose of this meeting was to introduce newly-appointed Executive Director Vick to CSC and explore potential collaborative efforts. Mrs. Vick replaced Bernard Henri who retired from Cleveland Hearing & Speech in September.
- [Larry Benders](#) and [Bill Spiker](#) welcomed Pam Eichenauer, Grants Manager for [The Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation](#), to CSC on Wednesday, August 12th for a meeting to introduce Larry and get a feel

for the direction of the agency under his leadership. They also discussed CSC's recent proposal to the foundation for general support of our quality programs. Ellen Mavec, the foundation's president and granddaughter of Eleanor Smith (Eleanor was one of CSC's outstanding past board chairs and a Cleveland philanthropist), also visited CSC in July.

- [Larry Benders](#) traveled to Columbus on Thursday, August 13th for a meeting with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, including Executive Director Kevin Miller and Mindy Duncan, Deputy Director of Bureau Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI). Larry was joined by John Mitchell, who leads the Cincinnati Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired. The purpose of the visit was to continue discussions surrounding Independent Living Services for Older Blind Ohioans (ILOB) program changes and the impact on client services.

Educating the Community:

- As the September 30th end of fiscal year approaches, the [Community Engagement](#) program continues its positive impact and has surpassed 14,000 individuals reached through programming and [Speakers Bureau](#) appearances. The action continued this week as [Lisa Cellura](#) and [Sylvia Snyder](#) visited Eaton Corporation headquarters on Tuesday, August 11th to present at Eaton's United Way Kick-Off. Also, [Tom Sawyer](#) displayed adaptive aids at the Northern Ohio Association of Activity Professionals Conference in Elyria. The [Educators Workshop](#) held at CSC on Wednesday, August 13th drew 55 teachers/educators who will be working with students who are blind or have low vision in the upcoming school year. On Thursday, August 14th [Lisa Cellura](#) visited Word of Righteousness Family Life Center to discuss CSC services and resources.
- CSC welcomed Liz Myska, an attorney from Massachusetts, and her friend Jack Peacock, who is a native Clevelander, to the agency for a tour on Monday, August 10th. Jack recommended Liz visit with us while she was here in town. Liz, who lost her vision about seven years ago,

is now an advocate for those with low vision or no vision and was very impressed with all the different programs and services we have to offer...all in one location. Jack has created a few products for people with no vision or low vision to help with navigating through museums and trails in parks.

- Meghan Montalvo, a new counselor to the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) team who will be working with our Spanish-speaking population, visited CSC on Thursday, August 13th. She has worked with OOD for three months and was impressed at how many services and programs we have at one location and the resources we have for helping clients in the employment process.

Highlights from Highbrook Lodge:

- The 2015 summer camp season at [Highbrook Lodge](#) concluded last weekend with the [Family & Friends BBQ](#)! Check out some photos from the BBQ below as well as this reflection on the camp season, written by Mollie Evans, Staff Supervisor:

“This year, Highbrook Lodge proved that good things get better with age, as we celebrated our 87th, and best summer, yet. And of course, who better to celebrate with than over 220 of the finest campers. This summer, Highbrook Lodge hosted nine unique sessions, each one with a different theme, in addition to day trips. Campers from each session had the opportunity to enjoy activities such as arts and crafts, bowling and archery, music and drama, swimming, and nature based field trips, such as canoeing and fishing. Many campers had never had these experiences before. This summer also featured an incredible increase in the enrollment of kids, tweens, and teens, who stayed at camp for 6-12 days and enjoyed a wizarding-themed session. Of course, we have reached that sad time of the summer where we have had to say good-bye to our wonderful campers and 21 devoted staff members, but we already can't wait for next year!”



Highbrook Lodge staff photo by pavilion



Three toddlers try out the corn hole board



A youngster gets his cheek painted



Visitors roast marshmallows over the fire pit

- While the summer camp season is over, plenty of action continues on the grounds. [Miller Cottage](#) had a new roof installed on Wednesday, August 12th and drainage and culvert projects began this week. Thanks to generous contributions from Lubrizol Corporation and Delta Gamma Cleveland East's fundraising efforts at White Cane Walk & 5K Run, accommodations including the purchase of new mattresses for all beds this season are now complete. CSC and Highbrook Lodge are truly appreciative of these partnerships, which also include strong volunteer commitments in multiple capacities, from these champions in our community. Thank you Lubrizol Corporation and Delta Gamma Cleveland East!



Roof repair project at Miller Cottage

- Save the date for these upcoming fun, festive events at Highbrook Lodge: Fall Weekend (October 9th – 11th) and Holiday at Highbrook (December 11th).

CYAS Conducts Workshop for Educators:

- On Wednesday, August 12th a group of 55 teachers, educators and school personnel from Northeast Ohio attended the annual “[See What’s Possible](#)” educators’ workshop presented by the [CYAS](#) department. The attendees received a mini course in “[Blindness Basics](#)”, learned and practiced Sighted Guide, interacted with Braille and sensory materials, and heard about an array of technology geared to students with low vision. The goal was to equip these professionals with enough information to get them started with their students this school year.



Educators under blindfold smelling markers directions



Educators under blindfold listen to



Educators under blindfold draw a house



Educators under blindfold listen and draw

CARF Corner:

- **Accessibility.** CARF-accredited organizations promote accessibility and the removal of barriers for the persons served and other stakeholders. The organization should assess accessibility needs of persons served, personnel and other stakeholders. Implement an ongoing process for identification of barriers in the organization's architecture, environment, attitudes, finances, employment, communication and technology. The organization should address accessibility issues in order to enhance the quality of life for those served; implement non-discriminatory employment practices; meet

legal and regulatory requirements and meet the expectations of stakeholders in the area of accessibility.