



Keeping you “In the Know...” 9/11/15

Seats are Filling Fast, Get Yours Today!

- [Spellbound](#), CSC’s annual fundraising gala, is Saturday, September 26th at The Silver Grille at The Higbee Building. This year’s event, which celebrates the 29th Spellbound, will focus on services for seniors and the [Independent Living](#) program. Staff can purchase tickets for the reduced price of \$125 (regularly priced tickets are \$250 each) by contacting [Melanie Sliman](#) (x4561). For more information, visit the [Spellbound](#) page of CSC’s website [here](#). Don’t miss this exciting evening, complete with music and dancing to The Chozen Few Band!

Strengthening Partnerships and Educating the Community:

- Members of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) held their Parents Teachers and Community United (PTCU) Annual Meeting at CSC on Thursday, September 10th. The group included department heads of CCBDD, board members and parent support group members and advocates dedicated to the improvement of life for citizens with developmental disabilities and their families. PTCU Foundation sponsors important social activities for consumers and educational events for parents and caregivers. CSC partners with CCBDD in providing vision services/low vision assessments in their adult activity centers. Following the meeting, the group received a tour of the agency from [Lisa Cellura](#) and [Alicia Howerton](#).
- Also on the [Community Engagement](#) front, the following took place this week:

- [Lisa Cellura](#), [Susie Meles](#) and [Joel Proskovec](#) presented the “[Aging Eye](#)” program and potential partnership opportunities to the Weills of Montefiore on Tuesday, September 8th.
- On Wednesday, September 9th, [Jassen Tawil](#) hosted staff from Vocational Guidance Services and [Lisa Cellura](#) presented the “[Aging Eye](#)” program to the Twinsburg Senior Citizens Club.
- [Lisa Cellura](#) and [Alicia Howerton](#) discussed possible partnerships with representatives from the Downtown Cleveland and Warrensville YMCA Active Older Adult programs on Thursday, September 10th.
- This evening, Board Chair [Tom Furnas](#) and Board Trustee [Chris Somosi](#) will join CSC staff members [Bill Spiker](#), [Lisa Cellura](#), [Alicia Howerton](#), [Amy Mullen](#) and [Sylvia Snyder](#) at Case for Sight’s Dinner in the Dark. Case for Sight students are engaged with CSC in many volunteer programs all year long and we are proud to support them in this annual fundraiser, which benefits [Spellbound](#).

Fall Weekend Fast Approaching:

- [Highbrook Lodge’s Fall Weekend](#) starts at 6:00pm on Friday, October 9th and continues until 12:00pm on Sunday, October 11th. This weekend is for teenagers or adults looking to experience camp in the fall season. Traditional camp activities will be held and the cost is \$50 per camper. Transportation from CSC to [Highbrook Lodge](#) is available for an additional \$15 per person. Those using this transportation option please note the bus will leave CSC at 5:00pm on Friday, October 9th and will return at 1:00pm on Sunday, October 11th. Spots are filling quickly so RSVP as soon as possible to [Tamara Flowers](#) (x4593). Last day to sign up is Thursday, October 1st.
- **Any CSC staff members** interested in volunteering as a counselor for [Fall Weekend](#), please reach out to [Lindsay Lowe](#) (x 4596).

CARF Corner:

- **Why CARF International?**

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Update on Construction and Road Work:

- On Tuesday, September 8th crews began **restricting Chester Avenue to one lane in each direction at East 105th Street** for approximately two weeks for installation of an underground electrical vault. In addition, East 105th Street between Chester Avenue and Euclid Avenue will be reduced to one lane in each direction during off peak hours for the same operation.

- For those heading towards [Highbrook Lodge](#), Aquilla Road between State Route 322 and Butternut Road in Geauga County will close on or about September 14th for 30 days. The closure is necessary for road improvement and to replace cross culverts, according to a news release from the Geauga County Engineer's Office. No traffic will be maintained.

Item of Note:

- Former Board Trustee Jonathan Lass, MD will present "The Eye of the Artist" on Wednesday, October 14th as part of the Anton and Rose Zverina Lecture Series at Case Western Reserve University. His talk will explore the impact of various eye diseases (dacryocystitis, cataract, retinal degeneration, macular degeneration) upon famous artists and the impact of those diseases on their style and productivity, changing the history of art. The artists to be discussed include Pissaro, Monet, Degas and O'Keefe. The talk begins at 6:00pm, followed by a reception in the Dittrick Museum gallery. For more information or to RSVP, contact Jennifer Nieves at jks4@case.edu or 216-369-3648.