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Strengthening Partnerships and Educating the Community:

-Cleveland Sight Center partners with The Artists Archives of the Western Reserve for their newest exhibit titled "W/O Limits: Art, Chronic Illness, & Disability" curated by Megan Alves and Mindy Tousley. One of the pieces being featured is by artist and friend of CSC Chapelle Letman, Jr., who's "Vertical Predator" sculpture is being loaned to the exhibit from its permanent home at Highbrook Lodge. Several of Letman's sculptures will also be on display. The exhibition will feature braille tags, large text hand-outs and a selection of touchable sculptures for visitors to explore. Descriptive tours are available by appointment for those with visual impairments. Information about the gallery and hours is as follows:

The Artists Archives of the Western Reserve 1834 E. 123rd Street, Cleveland OH 44106 Gallery Hours: Wed – Fri 10:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m., Sat 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more information, visit https://www.artistsarchives.org/event/w-o-limits/, email Megan Alves, programs@artistsarchives.org or call 216-721-9020



-Haley Marblestone (Development Manager) and Gabriella Drago (Leisure and Lifestyles Specialist) will represent Cleveland Sight Center this evening at the annual "Anchor Splash" event presented by the Delta Gamma (DG) group at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU). The fundraiser is a friendly competition among the Greek community at CWRU, with proceeds benefitting the DG philanthropic arm "Service for Sight" and Cleveland Sight Center. The event is from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the Veale Natatorium (2158 Adelbert Road) and open to the public; tickets are \$5.

Image is the Anchor Splash event promo flyer with event details and an anchor and surf boards on it

-Tom Sawyer (Outreach Specialist) presented a "Tips Talk" with emphasis on CSC programs and services for seniors, including the Independent Living Older Blind (ILOB) programs for individuals and groups at one of the three Forest Hill Apartment buildings in the East Cleveland complex. The group asked questions and was very responsive throughout the talk. In addition, Tom engaged attendees and other vendors at CSC's exhibit table during the Northeast Ohio Aging and Disability Summit. This year's summit – open to aging network professionals, caregivers and older adults across Northeast Ohio – was an all–day event held in person at the Corporate College East campus of Cuyahoga Community College. The summit was presented in partnership by the Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services, The MetroHealth System and Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging.

-A senior at the Cleveland Institute of Art is working on a project that involves assistive technology and orientation and mobility. She has connected with various team members at Cleveland Sight Center for information and also created a survey through Google Forms. The survey is JAWS-accessible and for anyone who would like to check it out, it can be accessed here: https://forms.gle/UmcVyLXWzJQCpE558

What's Happening at Cleveland Sight Center:

- -Renovations continue on the on part of our building that will integrate our retail store, clinic, and occupational therapy service areas. The renovated space will be open, bright and truly a one-stop shop for devices, glasses and services. Once complete, sometime in spring 2023, this project will allow us to serve our clients in a more comprehensive way that enhances their experience.
- -It was a rainy but busy week for students in preschool this week. The class started exploring and learning about trees. The students and teachers welcomed a new friend Lexi to the classroom and practiced good friendship skills. They also visited Luther's Farm in Richfield for a fun autumn field trip and music therapy was a great opportunity to get creative!

Remember, preschool open enrollment is ongoing. For more information, contact Susie Meles (x8747).

Image of preschool students and teachers sitting in a circle and hitting drum sticks together

-Leisure and Lifestyle Services (LLS) welcomed clients back to the building this week with the return of recreation and socialization programs on Tuesday, September 27. There was a lot of energy and excitement in the group as they returned to programs including Braille Notes Singing Class, Line Dancing, Piano Class, Art Class, Yoga and more!

**Please note: due to limited capacity, individuals interested in attending programming must call or email Gabriella Drago (Leisure and Lifestyle Specialist) at 216–658–4598 or gdrago@clevelandsightcenter.org. Welcome back, all!



Items of Note:

-The Chicago Transit Authority is becoming more accessible for passengers who are blind or have low vision. It unveiled its new tactile signs. They read "bus stop" in braille and is centered on the pole in the direction of travel. For the full article, click here.

Did You Know:

-Did you know the rumbling of the stomach is actually called a wamble