

# NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH: THANK YOU!

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As we head into National Volunteer Month, we can't thank our volunteers enough! In the past year they have truly shown us their dedication to the blind and visually impaired community. Manager of Volunteer Services, Melissa Mauk says, "Volunteers not only created and nurtured meaningful experiences for Cleveland Sight Center clients, but they have also journeyed with us and have proven that no matter the circumstance, making a difference in the name of CSC's mission is always possible."

In a year full of uncertainty, the loyalty of our volunteers remained a constant. In our first-ever Volunteer Impact Report we highlight all of their amazing work!

**A few highlights from the report:**

- CSC offered 350+ hours of recreation programming in 2020.
- 90+ people participated in these recreation offerings.
- CSC's Radio Readers offered more than 25 unique programs in support of CSCN (CSC's Radio Station).
- CSCN hosted 5,719 online radio sessions in 2020.
- In 2020 187 volunteers donated 5,300 hours to CSC.

**Additionally, the remote environment allowed Volunteer Services to offer new and unique volunteer opportunities:**

- Delta Gamma Cleveland East volunteers collected and donated handmade masks to keep clients safe and provided pumpkins, apples and cookie packets throughout the year so programs could be dynamic and fun!
- The American Medical Student Association volunteers helped us thank our donors, sent a caring message to our preschool students and ensured our play area in preschool was clean and safe for all.
- Case for Sight volunteers were innovative in creating a virtual fundraiser to raise donations for CSC, and stayed involved in supporting the agency through remote volunteering.

**[Read the full 2020 Volunteer Impact Report here.](#)**

*"The programs led by our volunteers have provided community, fun and an opportunity for clients to forget for a short time how the happenings of today's events have affected them. Volunteers have provided happiness and an opportunity to connect. We could not be more grateful to the dedication, leadership and talents of our volunteers." – Susie Meles, Director of Empowerment – Rehabilitation Services*

## ABOUT CLEVELAND SIGHT CENTER

Cleveland Sight Center (CSC) has served the needs of Northeast Ohio residents who are blind or have low vision for over a century. CSC offers developmental, rehabilitation and vocational services to ensure success in today's society.

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