



## Summer Fun

This past week, children with visual impairments participated in the Sight Center's XSightabilities Summer Camp program. Held at Presque Isle State Park, the camp gave kids opportunities to try new things including kayaking, bike riding, canoeing, roller blading and more. Special thanks to those who donated to make this week possible!

**Interested in supporting a Sight Center child? Help send them to our upcoming Arts & Theater Camp! This week long opportunity will bring the arts alive for children with visual impairments. Make a donation today! Contact Shannon Wohlford to find out how, 455-0995.**



## Remember The Sight Center on Erie Gives Day

On Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> **everyone** can be a philanthropist! It's easy to give, donations starting at \$25 up to one million can be made in support of our mission. Make a gift to further the Sight Center's work to prevent blindness and promote independence. It's easy to give. Visit [eriegives.org](http://eriegives.org) between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm and select the Sight Center as your charity of choice.

### Your gift can truly make a difference, here's how:

- \$25 will provide four vision screenings to preschool children. By screening children, we can identify, diagnose and treat vision issues with greater success.
- \$250 will cover a low vision evaluation and treatment for someone with vision loss due to an eye disease like macular degeneration. Through the use of devices, education, training and at-home follow up with an occupational therapist, individuals with low vision receive hope and help to live an independent and full life!
- \$2,500,000 would provide sustainability of all agency programs and allow opportunities for growth and expansion.

***Thank you in advance for considering a gift to the Sight Center. Together, we can give our community a clear vision!***

## What's New? Save the Date!

We are excited to announce the date of the Sight Center's 2017 Dining and Dancing in the Dark event:

**Thursday, October 26th,  
2017  
at Erie's Bayfront  
Convention Center**

This year we are excited to add *dancing* to our event. "Dancing just made sense to us. Every day we help people continue to do the things they love, regardless of their vision loss," shared Linda Hackshaw, Sight Center Executive Director. "Dancing is one of those passions," she added.

Whether it's photography, cooking or gardening, the Sight Center team works together to provide individuals with low vision the support and resources they need to accomplish their goals to live independently and safely.

At the event, attendees will be treated to a dance performed by ballroom dancers, Connie Shoop and Lou Baxter. The couple will be on hand to offer dance instruction, walking attendees through steps to join in the fun!

To find out more, contact Shannon Wohlford, 455-0995 or email her at:

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## Let's Do Lunch!

The Sight Center staff has been busy this summer providing outreach through “lunch and learn” opportunities with local eye doctors and their teams.

The lunch and learn style meeting provides an opportunity to talk in more detail about services and programs offered by the Center. “We’re able answer questions, talk through concerns staff members might have about their patients and walk through our referral process for low vision services and any other program that might be of help to their patients. It’s really been a win-win for everyone and we’ve gotten a lot of great feedback,” said Dr. Nicole Lavery, the Sight Center’s Director of Vision Services and Youth Programming.

If you would be interested in learning more about the Sight Center and would like to schedule a Lunch & Learn opportunity, please contact Shannon Wohlford at 455-0995 or email:

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Staff from Zimm Cataract and Laser Center fully participated in a recent Lunch & Learn with the Sight Center by wearing vision simulators while enjoying their lunch.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events:

- Erie Gives Day: Tuesday, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, 8 am – 8 pm. **Remember the Sight Center!!!**
- Benefit Dinner at Mad Mex Restaurant at the Millcreek Mall: Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Only 42 tickets will be available. Cost is \$35 per person and will include a fajita buffet plus beverage and dessert. 100% of ticket sales are returned to the Sight Center. So take the night off from cooking and join us! Contact Shannon to reserve your spot today! 455-0995.
- The Sight Center will participate in United Way’s National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Lana Kunik, Prevention Services Coordinator, will provide free vision screenings to children in Greene Township.
- The Sight Center will participate in Erie Together’s Block Party at the Erie Seawolves on Tuesday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Preschool vision screenings will be available at no cost.

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## Our Mission Matters: *To prevent blindness and promote independence for those with vision loss.*

### Meet Reese:

As a United Way funded agency, the Sight Center receives support for prevention services including vision screening. This program helps children like Reese (pictured at right) receive comprehensive vision screenings in their preschool or daycare. This screening is designed to identify eye disorders that need treatment. Through proper vision screenings, we can prevent, detect and reduce visual impairments in local children. The Sight Center screens more than 8,500 children each year.

