You are receiving this monthly eNewsletter because you or your child is enrolled in the children’s programs at the Center for the Visually Impaired. These updates will come to your inbox every first Friday of the month.

Happenings in November

BEGIN

(Picture from left to right; Marcel and Easton)

Please join us for our BEGIN and STARS Holiday Party on Saturday, December 16th. The BEGIN portion lasts from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM and the STARS portion runs from 1:00-3:00 PM. Both BEGIN and STARS students will share lunch together (along with families!) from 12:00-1:00 PM.

Students who attend our weekly preschool classes have been busy with their Thanksgiving theme for the month! Literacy-rich activities have been adapted to promote the use of all of the senses. Students continue Learning in a small group setting, practicing social skills, completing table work, practicing numbers and letters, counting, and...
identifying and naming shapes. The students also practice fine motor skills and gluing.

Friendly reminder: There will be no class the weeks of December 18th and December 25th!

**STARS**

(From left to right: DeShaun, Kennedi and Kyler)

BRAVO to all of our staff who plans for and provides the instruction for After School Enrichment and Saturday Academy. The time is so well spent, thought out, creative, and engaging! The best part is seeing the smiles on the student’s faces when they accomplish a task or learn something new. It is truly amazing to see the amount of learning, teachable moments, and generalization of ECC skills that occur in just a matter of hours.

**Mark Your Calendars**

- **December 16** – Children & Youth Holiday Party
  (10 AM – 3 PM, lunch provided)
- **December 25** – January 1 – CVI Closed
- **January 15** – CVI Closed
- **January 31** – Circus of the Senses
- **February 25** – Cruise with CVI

**Spotlight**

Dawlyn Dieudonne

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**Parent Info & Resources**

- Center for the Visually Impaired
- Georgia Department of Education – Visual Impairment/Blindness
- American Printing House for the Blind (APH)
- Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSBVI)
- Paths to Literacy
- Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER)
- The Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC)
- Special Education Services and Supports (Georgia)
- Individualized Education Plan – Explained!
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- GaPINES
- Georgia Sensory Assistance Project (GSAP)
- Lekotech of Georgia
- Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation
- Georgia Academy for the Blind
- Babies Can’t Wait – Georgia
- Chastain Horse Park
My name is Dawlyn Dieudonne and I have a 10-year history with the Center for the Visually Impaired. I was a student in the STARS program from 2008-2012. When I went to college I stayed involved by going to events like the Red and White Ball and the annual Haunted House, and I started my work as summer camp counselor and a teacher with the STARS program. In 2016 I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education, Birth through Kindergarten, and a few months later, I began a Master’s program at Georgia State University. I have continued working as a teacher with STARS and I’m excited to say that in January, I will start working as a teacher with the BEGIN students as well. In December of 2018 I will be graduating with a Master of Arts in Early Childhood Special Education and my hope is that I will be able to come on as a full-time employee with BEGIN and STARS. CVI has been such a big part of my life, and the environment as a both a student and an employee has always felt like a safe space. I’m so happy to be able to give back to the place that has given so much to me and has always felt like home.

Dawlyn, you are truly an inspiration to our students and fellow staff members. We are excited to see what the future holds for you!

CVI News
You are invited, along with your friends and family, to a special event!

Sunday, February 25, 2018
Center for the Visually Impaired
739 West Peachtree St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30308
2:00 PM-4:30 PM

Join us for light refreshments, client speakers, and a cruise around CVI to experience our client training first-hand, including white cane techniques, braille, assistive technology and much more!

Collect stamps on your passport as you travel to various ports throughout the building for your chance to win a travel package!

Please RSVP to Deborah Burcham at 404-602-4279 or dburcham@cviga.org by February 19.