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*****Sign Up Now for Catholic Summer Programs*****
 Visit our website at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/camping

Camp Happiness is a 6 week day camp program for children to young adults ages 6-21 with cognitive and other developmental disabilities. It runs from June 18 to July 27, Monday-Friday, 9:30am to 3pm. Sites are located in Lakewood, Parma, Cleveland and Wickliffe. Campers enjoy a variety of activities, such as swimming, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games and community field trips. Activities are designed to allow individuals a chance to participate to the best of their ability.

Call 216-334-2963 or email mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org for information.



CYO Day Camp is a 9 week program from June 11 – August 10 from 9am to 4pm (extended hours available for an additional fee). Sites are located in Parma, Amherst, Wickliffe and Bainbridge. Campers learn new skills, make new friends, learn about each other and enjoy the beautiful outdoors. The Day Camp is for school age children ages 6 (1st grade) to 12 (7th grade). The Explorers program is for age 13 (8th gr) to 15. Call 216-334-1261 x16 or email lbaylor@clevelandcatholiccharities.org for information

Augustine Rainbow Camp is a 5-week program in an inclusive setting at OLA/St. Joseph Center in the Tremont neighborhood of Cleveland for campers ages 5 to 16 who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind or who have mild and moderate cognitive and developmental disabilities. This program is open to children with & without disabilities. Rainbow Camp runs from June 25 to July 27.



Call 216-781-5530 for information

CYO Camp Christopher in Bath, Ohio, is an 8 week residential camp program for adults, 18 & over, with disabilities. This program allows individuals to participate according to their ability and choice. Swimming, boating, arts, crafts, nature study, relaxing, games, horseback riding, walking and more is offered.

Call 1-800-CYO-CAMP (1-800-296-2267) or e-mail campregistrar@akroncyo.org for information

RoseMary Center is a 10 week day camp program for children and young adults ages 6-21 with severe and profound disabilities. They run from June 18 to August 24. RoseMary Center is located at 19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid, OH 44117.

Call 216-334-2963 or email mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org for information



~ Monthly Dances ~

Cost...\$3.00 for dancers (Staff are Free) *Ages...*16 and over

*ID...*All dancers must carry their ID with them or wear a nametag with their first name and phone number on it.

*Helpful Hint...*Come with a nametag already on ~ it will help keep the line shorter!!!

The group home or family must provide supervision if needed

Mark your Calendars...2007 Dance Dates

OLA/St. Joseph Center 7 - 9:30 pm

2346 West 14th St., Cleveland ~ 216-334-2963

2nd Friday of the month (unless noted by *)

2007 Dates: *May 4; June 8; **No Dance in July**; August 10; September 14; October 12; November 9; December 7

Rose-Mary Center 7:30 – 10:00 pm

19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid ~ 216-481-4823

4th Friday of the month (unless noted by *)

2007 Dates: April 27; May 25; June 22; July 27; August 24; Sept 28; Oct 26; *Nov 16; **No Dance in December**

Catholic Charities Family Center Lorain ~ 7 – 9:30 pm

203 W. 8th St., Lorain, OH 44052 ~ 440-244-9915

2007 Dates: May 18, June 29, August 24, September 28, November 16



Fee is \$90.00
 Send checks to:
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Weekend Retreats!!!

Sign up now for the May 18-20, 2007, Retreat!!

Spaces are limited to 20 Retreatants & fill up quickly!

Retreats held at St. Joseph Christian Life Center

located along the shores of Lake Erie (18485 Lake Shore Blvd.)

2007 Dates: September 21-23; October 19-21; November 16-18; December 14-16

Call
 (216) 334-2963
 to register

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Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries Newsletter
Celebrating 41 years...1966 to 2007

St. Vincent Charity Hospital Launches Program To Improve Medical Care for the Deaf!!!

Imagine trying to communicate with your doctor if you cannot hear a word he says. He is asking you important questions, but you do not understand them. He is giving you important medical instructions, but you don't know what they mean. If you are deaf and cannot speak, this scenario often reflects the state of your medical care – a vacuum of information, a roadblock to your care.

Providing access to care for the D/deaf and hard of hearing communities is the right thing to do for a faith-based hospital," said Hospital President and CEO Jeffrey S. Jeney.

As part of its mission, St. Vincent Charity Hospital (SVCH) is launching a Deaf Access Program with the goal of improving medical care to those who are either Deaf or hard of hearing. The effort is part of the hospital's mission to fulfill unmet needs in the community – including solutions to better serve the deaf community. The program is being funded with a \$131,418 grant from the Eva L. and Joseph M. Bruening Foundation. In addition to the grant, SVCH will provide \$67,000 of in-kind support in the first year.

The Deaf Access Program will work closely with Catholic Charities' Services and Ministry to Persons with Disabilities; St. Augustine Parish; Caritas Connection; the Hearing and Speech Center; and, of course, the local deaf community.

There are very few models of Deaf Access Programs nationally. Based on a model program at Chicago's Sinai Health System, "Our program will provide a range of tools, including interpreters, video relay, picture boards and other supportive hardware, equipment for inpatient rooms, building signage, and ongoing staff awareness training," said Tracy Gretick, MSSA, LISW, who has joined the hospital as deaf access program coordinator.

"The goal is to make individuals who are hard of hearing or Deaf as comfortable as possible from the moment they make contact with the Hospital," she explained.

In Cuyahoga County, there are an estimated 36,000 adults who have severe hearing loss (deafness) and an additional 146,000 adults who are Deaf or hard of hearing. This community has been defined as "medically underserved." According to research, many persons with deafness are unable to clearly communicate with healthcare providers.

For information on this program, contact Kellie Crowe at 216-363-2676 or 1-800-679-9285 (pgr) or by email at kellie.crowe@csauh.com

From Disability Ministries

A Cleveland Diocesan Policy entitled, "Use of Mustum and Low Gluten Hosts for Priests, Deacons and Laypersons" was issued on March 15, 2006. If a parishioner suffers from Celiac Disease please use this policy to proceed in assisting him/her to receive Holy Communion. The place to order these hosts is included in the policy. Any further questions please call Sr. Laura Bouhall, OSU, at 216.696.6525, ext. 2060.

The *Beatitudes Faith Formation Program* is designed to provide a nurturing and prayerful environment for special needs children to be introduced to Jesus and His love. In addition, instructors attend to and assist with the preparation of the children for the Sacraments. The program is held the 2nd Saturday of every month from 11am to 1pm. Next meeting is May 12, 2007. Lunch and refreshments are provided. This program is held at St. Augustine Church's Walsh Hall (2486 W. 14th St. in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood). If you would like to register your child or need transportation, please call the rectory at 216-781-5530.

The *New Faith & Light Community* meets the first Friday of each month at 6pm at St Augustine Church. The next meeting will be May 4, 2007. Please join us. Call 216-781-5530.

Community Information...

The National Conference of Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) received a grant to fund a new project in assisting Catechetical Leaders in their efforts to better serve and catechize persons with disabilities. NCCL is collaborating with staff from the

National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities with input from the National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry and the National Catholic Office for the Deaf, among others.

They wish to identify diocesan level staff and parish catechetical leaders with responsibility, interest, or particular expertise in any area of special religious education. The goal is to create an email network. You help build this network!

All those with an interest in being added to the email network and learning more about this new project, please send your name, title, snail mail address and email address to: Joyce Crider, Associate Director at NCCL at JCriders@nccl.org

The Special Olympics State Summer Games will be held June 22-24 at the Ohio State University in Columbus. Over 2,700 athletes will compete in 11 different sports! See true sportsmanship in action! You'll have a wonderful time and your cheers will help build the athletes' confidence and self-esteem. For more information, call 614-239-7050 or visit www.specialolympics.org or Ohio's website at www.soooh.org

From the Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD...SAVE THE DATE! The 16th Friends of MR Golf Outing will be July 27, 2007 at Shawnee Hills Golf Course - Bedford Reservation. Contact Ron Vargo at (216) 361-4044 or vargo@ccbmrdd.org

Let's Play Ball! You can also join the Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD, consumers, employees, family & friends at Jacobs Field for their 40th Anniversary on Thursday, May 17th for a noontime Indians vs. White Sox game. Lower reserved for \$11 (regular \$22) and mezzanine seats for \$8 (regular \$16). The order deadline is May 7, 2007. Contact Walt Harrop at 419-289-8344 for more information or to order tickets. Wheelchair seating will be available. There will be two other games on Friday, June 15th vs. Atlanta Braves with fireworks and Wednesday, August 15th vs. Detroit Tigers. Tickets for these games will be discounted \$4.

The Grand Prix of Cleveland celebrate your choice(s) of Fabulous Fun Friday or Saturday Family Fun Day, Friday, June 22nd (all day) and/or Saturday, June 23rd (all day) at The Grand Prix of Cleveland and Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital Family Fun Zone!!! The cost is 2 for \$15!!!! 4 for \$25!!!! Questions? Call 216-619-7223 Ext. 208

VSA arts and Volkswagen of America, Inc., announce "Driven" call for entries, open to young artists, ages 16 -25. with disabilities. The deadline is July 6, 2007. There is no entry fee. Art must be an original work that has been completed in the last three (3) years. Eligible media includes: paintings, drawings, fine art prints, photography, computer-generated prints, and mixed media; must be presented in two dimensions. Fifteen (15) finalists will be awarded a total of \$60,000 in awards during an awards ceremony on Capitol Hill in September 2007, and artwork will be displayed in a nation-wide touring exhibition that debuts at the Smithsonian.

For additional information and to download an application, please visit: <http://www.vsarts.org/VWcall>. Phone 800.933.8721 x3885; Email: jenniferw@vsarts.org.

The Individual with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA) requires states to adopt rules in support of federal statutes & regulations. The Office for Exceptional Children (OEC) is proposing changes to Operating Standards for Ohio's schools serving children with disabilities. The draft proposed rules incorporate federal regulations & include items specific to Ohio.

OEC will be making regional presentations on the following dates and times. An overview of changes to the rules will be presented and public comments will be accepted. Call the sponsoring SERRC and reserve a spot.

May 1: Northwest Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center (OSERRC) at Wood County ESC, 1867 N. Research Drive, Bowling Green. 2:30 – 4:45 pm and 6:30 – 8:45 pm. Call 419-833-6771; *May 2:* Central OSERRC, 470 Glenmont Ave, Columbus. 2:30 – 4:45 pm and 6:30 – 8:45 pm. Call 614-262-4545; *May 5:* Southeastern OSERRC, 507 Richland Ave., Athens. 2:30 – 4:45 pm and 6:30 – 8:45 pm. Call 740-594-4235; *May 11:* Southwestern OSERRC, 1301 Bonnell, 3rd Fl, Cincinnati. 12:30 pm - 2:45 pm and 4 pm - 6:45pm. Call 513-563-0045.