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*Thank you Fr. Wally Hyclak and the staff at
 St. Joseph Christian Life Center
 For 20 years you have been the home to our
 weekend retreats...We Will Miss You!*

If you were unaware, St. Joseph Christian Life Center will be closing it's doors at the beginning of September

Save the Date...

30th Annual "Walk of Hope"

This year's Walk is dedicated to the memory & spirit of our friend Jim Beers...

Saturday, October 6, 2007

8:00am Registration / 9:00am Walk

at

OLA/St. Joseph Center

2346 West 14th Street, Cleveland, OH 44113

The Walk of Hope supports programs for persons with disabilities offered by Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries...

Call 216-334-2963 for pledge forms and for more information or email Marilyn at mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

or you can visit our website at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability



~ 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: 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: 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: August 24, September 28, November 16



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

Save the Date!! Join with us in celebrating the 30th Annual Walk of Hope (Walk for Disabilities) on Saturday, October 6, 2007. This year we celebrate 30 years and we have dedicated the Walk of Hope to the memory & spirit of our friend Jim Beers. Call Marilyn for more information at 216-334-2963 or you can e-mail her at mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

Rose-Mary Center is celebrating 85 years with an Anniversary Mass on Saturday, October 13, 2007. This mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland at 4:00pm at Rose-Mary Center (19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid, OH 44117). A reception will follow at the Center. Call 216-481-4823 for more information.

Great News! **Our website has been updated.** At your request we now have information on which parishes are accessible and/or offer programs and ministries to persons with disabilities. In addition, upcoming events will be posted! Check it out at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability

Saturday Classes, Marilyn Scott The Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP) will be starting back on September 15. The CAEP is dedicated to meeting the continuing educational needs of adults with developmental disabilities ages 21 and over, who have graduated from a high school D.H./M.H. or a County Board of MR/DD program. Students must provide their own transportation and tuition is \$88 a month with an additional one time material fee of \$60. Classes meet on Saturdays from September 15 through May 18. For more info, call or email Marilyn – 216-334-2963 or mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

Summer Camping, Marilyn Scott Camp Happiness had a wonderful summer! The children enjoyed themselves and can't wait to come back next year! They visited the Zoo, the Lake Co. Captains and the Cleveland Indians, the Natural History Museum, local community centers and pools! Field Day was on Wednesday, July 18 – all 4 Camp Happiness sites came together for a day of fun and games! Thank you to the International Order of the Alhambra for making this day possible!

Thank you also to our staff! We were lucky to have such mature and dedicated people working for us! And thank you to Katie for coordinating the four sites! Katie worked at camp in previous years as a counselor and site director. This year she came back to the position of camp coordinator! She did a great job! And also a thanks to Brendan – for organizing the office, for registering the campers, for taking all the phone calls and for making sure everything ran smoothly!

The four **CYO Day Camping** sites enjoyed very successful and exciting activities this summer. Each site held a Family Fun Night, where parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and neighbors were invited to share a pot-luck dinner followed by participation in many of the favorite camp activities including archery, arts and crafts, nature hikes, games, fishing, and canoeing. Campers had two different opportunities to spend the night out under the stars, complete with campfires, s'mores, skits, songs, and night hikes. Jungle Terry was a huge hit as he loaded his Range Rover with exotic animals to visit each of the sites in celebration of Safari Week. Some of the animals he traveled with included a hedge hog, a tortoise, an alligator, an albino python, and one of the smallest quails in the world. Each child was able to touch and handle the animals, a unique experience for everyone.

The campers were guided by a terrific team of counselors and site directors as they explored the beauty of nature around them, made new friends, and developed the core values of being a respectful, caring, and responsible person. They realized the importance of giving to those less fortunate by participating in a two-week long food and basic supply drive for the Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain. They brought donations of non-perishable foods, paper products, toiletries, and more. This emphasized our continuing goal of service to others in.

It was a memorable experience for everyone and we are sad to see it end, but look forward to our next summer together.

The Deaf Access Program is up and running at St. Vincent Charity Hospital. 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

Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain, Jim Geppert Our next "Friendship Connections" dance happens on Friday, August 24, 2007. The dance starts at 7:00 PM and ends at 9:30 PM. The cost is only \$3.00 per dancer at the door. Group home staff members and family caregivers get in free. Enjoy great music, snacks, and maybe even win a prize!

From Disability Ministries

Congratulations to Flora Wray. She was recently recognized for her 20 years of volunteering in the Special Religious Education Program at Rose-Mary Center. Flora shares her love of Jesus with the students through prayer, Liturgy and Bible stations. Congratulations Flora!

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 August 11, 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 Sept. 7, 2007. Please join us. Call 216-781-5530.

Community Information...Federal Funds to Boost Polling Place Accessibility. County election boards may apply for more than \$360,000 in federal grants to improve access to polling places for people with disabilities. For more information go to the website at <http://ohio.gov/government/> and select the Secretary of State section.

FROLICKING FALL FUN WITH SOAR! Fall is just around the corner, so join SOAR for some fun activities. From August 27th to October 4th, they will meet on Mondays for baseball, and then walk in the cool, crisp air on Tuesdays & Thursdays. And, on Wednesdays, enjoy the ever popular aerobics class at Parma DC...Join the fun today! Call 440-327-6454 for information.

The following is a list of **FREE Parent Workshops** sponsored by the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities. Please spread the word. These workshops are open to both parents and professionals. Seats are limited. If you are interested or have any questions, please call 800-694-6402.

Parents Rights in the Special Education Process; Tuesday, August 14, 6 - 8 pm at the Cuyahoga Co. Library, Beachwood Branch at 25501 Shaker Blvd. Beachwood (corner of Richmond/Shaker Blvd)

Enriching The Learning Environment; Wednesday, September 19, 6 - 8 pm at the Cuyahoga Co. Library, Bay Village Branch at 502 Cahoon Rd., Bay Village.

Parents Rights in the Special Education Process; Tuesday, October 23, 7 - 9 pm at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr., Independence.

Taking the Sting Out of Behavior; Monday, November 12, 6 - 8 pm at the Cuyahoga County Library - Bay Village Branch

Parent Professional Communication; Tuesday, November 27, 7 - 9 pm at the Independence Civic Center

17th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 2007 - Seventeen years ago the Americans With Disabilities Act was signed into law. The anniversary of this landmark bipartisan civil rights legislation is being marked by our nation's leaders by recognizing past successes and remaining challenges. Join them in their celebration and reflection by writing a proposal for the Eighth Annual Multiple Perspectives conference to be held at The Ohio State University's Columbus Campus on April 22 - 23, 2008. Conference information, past programs and updates can be found at: <http://ada.osu.edu/conferences.htm>