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Monthly Dances

Enjoy friends, dancing, snacks, prizes and great music!

Cost ~ \$3.00 for dancers (Staff are Free)

ID ~ Dancers must present ID on arrival and this ID must be kept with the dancers not with staff
Another option is a nametag with their name and phone number on it

Supervision ~ If supervision is needed, the individual group home or family must provide.

Ages ~ 16 and over



Now in 3 Locations...

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

2346 West 14th St., Cleveland

Fridays, Aug 13; Sept. 10; Oct. 1; Nov. 12; Dec. 10

Rose-Mary Center ~ from 7:30 - 10:00 pm

19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid

Fridays, August 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 19

Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain
from 7 - 9:30 pm

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

Friday, August 20 and Friday, October 22

Join us at the

27th Annual

Walk for Disabilities

Saturday, October 2, 2004

Sponsored by

Catholic Charities Health & Human Services
Disability Services & Ministries

Held at

OLA/St. Joseph Center
2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH 44113

Schedule:

8 am ~ Registration

9 am ~ Walk through Tremont

10:30 am ~ Raffle Drawing

11:30 am ~ Walk around Lincoln Park

Many Raffle Prizes...

T-shirts to those with over \$150 in pledges...

choice of a Travel Mug or Coffee Mug to those with over \$75 in pledges...

\$100 Gift Certificate for shopping mall to those bringing in \$1000 or more...

Call 216-334-2963 for more information!!!

Weekend Retreats!!!

Register now for the September 17 - 19, 2004 Retreat

Spaces are limited to 20 Retreatants & fill up quickly!

Retreats held at St. Joseph Christian Life Center
located along Lake Erie (18485 Lake Shore Blvd.)

Call
(216) 334-2963
to register

The fee is \$90.00
Send your checks to:
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Cleveland, OH 44102

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Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries System Bulletin

OLA/St. Joseph Center News... In early June, Pam Delly announced her resignation as Principal of OLA/St. Joseph Center. Pam will be taking on the responsibility of Principal at Urban Community School in the near-west side area of Cleveland. This is a great opportunity for Pam. We are sad to see Pam leave but we are very thankful to her for her 12 years of dedicated service to our students. We wish her the best of luck in her new job.

At the same time, we are pleased to announce that our new Principal will be **Thomas McFadden**. Tom comes to OLA/St. Joseph Center with years of experience as Principal of elementary schools that served typical children and children with special educational needs. Mr. McFadden begins his role as Principal on August 3, 2004.

We thank God for the blessing Pam has been and the gift Tom will be to the students we serve.

Sr. Miriam Fidelis, O.S.U. takes on a new assignment!

Sr. Miriam Fidelis will be leaving St. Augustine Parish and Disability Ministries after 4 years of dedicated services to minister in Brownsville, Texas with the poor and disabled. We will miss Sister Miriam very much. She left us many beautiful programs, such as: Beatitudes; The Circle, Everyone Belongs; New Hope Faith & Light Community; Namaste; Rainbow for all God's Children; and RCIA for persons with disabilities. We will keep praying for her and we hope that she brings the same wonderful dedication to Brownsville, Texas.

CYO & Community Services, Summit Co., Tess Flannery

The CYO Recreational Respite Program will be very busy this summer. Besides meeting for several sessions at Weaver School in Tallmadge, the group will also be taking field trips to Ledge Pool in Hinckley and Atwood Lake for a Pontoon Boat Ride. If your family member would enjoy these types of activities, please call Tess Flannery at CYO (330) 762-2961 x224.

Molly Worthington ~ Social & Recreational Activities

Camp Happiness had another wonderful summer!! Thank you to our parents and guardians, our staff and volunteers and to our campers ~ all of these people combined to make Camp Happiness lots of fun! Campers enjoyed the Zoo, Tower City, visiting local fire and police stations and making many new friends!

They also enjoyed gathering with other Diocesan camps at Camp Christopher for games, swimming and lunch! And the 4 Camp Happiness sites also gathered at Lakewood Park for a cookout and at Camp Corde for Field Day! **Check out pictures from Field Day at <http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/Services%20Corp/Disabilities.htm>**

The Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP) will be starting again in September. This program allows adults with disabilities to continue learning math, reading, current events, computers, and others, as well as work on social skills and make friendships! If you are currently enrolled in the CAEP, look for the 2004/2005 school year registration packet to be mailed to you soon! If you would like information please call Molly Worthington at 216-334-2964.

Jim Gepperth ~ Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain

Dance for Adults with Disabilities, Aug. 20th ~ Please help us spread the word - Our Friendship Connections Program will be holding its second of four dances for adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers on Friday, August 20th! Despite a rainy evening, many dancers came to enjoy a night of dancing and fun! The August 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. Parking is available directly across the street from the family center. Enjoy great music, snacks, and maybe even win a prize! The purpose of the event is to make friends and have some well-deserved fun. Friendship Connection events are funded by the Associate Board of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Foundation. Mark your calendar now for not only the August 20 dance but also for our fall dance on October 22, 2004.

Catholic Charities Services Head Start is currently in the process of recruiting and enrolling children ages 3-5 for the 2004-2005 school year. Our program offers free preschool services for income eligible families. Head Start offers social service, parent involvement, health, dental, nutrition, education, disabilities and mental health services to the children and their families. Children receive screenings and assessments throughout the school year to identify those with special needs. Children with special needs are encouraged to enroll in our program. To make a registration appointment or get more information, please feel free to contact the Disabilities Coordinator, Tammi Seifert, at (216) 334-2944.

Supported Employment The Supported Employment Program is working with an individual who, because of her disability, has had a 4-year gap in her employment history. We were able to place her with Catholic Charities Services in a summer youth employment program as a Job Coach! Not only is she rebuilding her resume, but Catholic Charities has an excellent temporary employee!

From Disability Ministries

The remaining 2004 monthly Retreat dates are: Sept. 17-19; Oct. 15-17; Nov. 19-21; Dec. 10-12.

The Circle, Everyone Belongs will take place 4 times this coming year, with the first one in October. We will get the dates to you very soon.

The Beatitudes Religious Education program for children with disabilities will begin Saturday, September 18, 2004, at St. Augustine Church in Cleveland. Please register by calling 216-781-5530.

The New Hope Faith & Light will meet Friday, September 24, 2004 at 5:30 pm for Mass following by dinner and a meeting in Walsh Hall at St. Augustine Church.

RCIA for persons with disabilities will begin Thursday, September 9, 2004, at OLA/St. Joseph Center at 7:00 pm. If you would like to learn more about your faith, please join us. If you need a ride, please call St. Augustine at 216-781-5530.

Call 216-781-5530 for information on Disability Ministries.

Community Information

211 Active in Cuyahoga County Residents in 26 counties can now access human services information and referrals through an easy-to-remember 2-1-1 telephone code. Calls to 2-1-1 are available 24 hours a day and are free and are routed by the area telephone company to a local or regional calling center. Referral specialists answer caller's questions, access database of resources available from private and public health and human service agencies, match the callers' needs to available resources and link or refer them directly to an agency or organization that can help. Ohio's 2-1-1 Collaborative provides information on resource and referral agencies in all 88 counties on its web site at www.211ohio.net

CCBMR/DD's EPICS Program ~ Call Holly Grady at (440) 835-0364 for information on any of the following volunteer activities:

City Year has invited us to join them during their Friday service projects. There are new opportunities each week; Volunteers are needed for a variety of positions at the **Salvation Army** ~ (East Side location - off E. 185th) - The days & times are flexible.

The Annual Pilgrimage Mass was held June 12 at beautiful St. Noel's Church in Willoughby Hills. Bishop Anthony Pilla was our main celebrant. Joining him this year was Bishop Roger Gries; Fr. Joseph McNulty, Director of Disability Ministries; Fr. George Smiga, Pastor of St. Noel's; Fr. Phil Pritt, Past Director of the Apostolate for the Mentally Retarded; and Deacon Ray Daul, from Christ the King and Child Advocate at Rosemary Center. It was a beautiful celebration and there were many people with disabilities, their loved ones and friends in attendance. Thank you to St. Noel's for your generous hospitality and wonderful lunch!

Our next Diocesan wide liturgy will be our Annual Journey to Bethlehem Mass on Saturday, December 18, 2004 at OLA/St. Joseph Center.

This wonderful celebration has become a tradition that begins the Christmas season. Please plan to join us. Our main celebrant will again be Bishop Roger Gries.

Join us on Saturday, October 2nd for our 27th Annual Walk for Disabilities. Please see the front of the newsletter for more detailed information about the Walk!! If you have questions, please call 216-334-2963!

The Center of Excellence Project We are very excited about a project that brings together Disability Services & Ministries, the Cuyahoga Physicians Network (CPN), and St. Vincent Charity Hospital and the Caritas Connection to explore the creation of a "Center of Excellence" in the provision of health care services for individuals who are deaf. Representatives from each group traveled to Chicago to tour Mount Sinai Hospital, which has been providing specialized services for the Deaf for several years. A core committee has been established to determine the feasibility of providing services here in the Greater Cleveland area, both at a hospital location and at a community health care site. We will continue to keep you informed of this exciting new service opportunity. Please pray for it's success!