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~ Monthly Dances ~

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

Cost ~ \$3.00 for dancers (Staff are Free) / Ages ~ 16 and over

ID ~ All dancers must have their ID

If they do not keep the ID in their pocket or wallet, then they need to wear a **nametag with their name and phone number**
Come with the nametag already on ~ it will help keep the line shorter!!!

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

Mark your Calendars...2005 Dance Dates...



Now in 3 Locations...

OLA/St. Joseph Center

7 - 9:30 pm

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

2nd Friday of the month

Sept. 9; Oct. 14; Nov. 11; Dec. 9

Catholic Charities Family Center

Lorain ~ 7 - 9:30 pm

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

Fridays, Sept. 16 & Nov. 18

Rose-Mary Center

7:30 - 10:00 pm

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

4th Friday of the month

*(unless noted by *)*

Aug. 26; Sept. 23; Oct. 28; Nov. 18th; no dance in December



Join us at the

28th Annual

Walk for Disabilities

Saturday, October 1, 2005

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

Prizes will be given to those participating in the Walk as well as entering the drawing...

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

Weekend Retreats!!!

Call
(216) 334-2963
to register

You can sign up now for the September 16-18 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.)

Fee is \$90.00
Send checks to:
Disability Services
7911 Detroit Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44102

The 2005 monthly Retreat dates are: Sept. 16-18; Oct. 21-23; Nov. 18-20; Dec. 16-18
See 2006 Dates on the back!

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Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries Newsletter
Since 1966 **Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio**

OLA/St. Joseph Center On June 6, 2005, 15 students were part of the final graduation class of OLA/St. Joseph elementary school. It was a wonderful celebration of what the school has represented to our Diocese since 1966. We want to thank the principal, the teachers and the staff for their dedication and their commitment to our students! We are sad to see the school end at the center but we are delighted that another dream is beginning to be accomplished. We are thankful to St. Stanislaus and Metro Catholic elementary schools and Central Catholic high school for expanding their educational services to include children with developmental handicaps.

The Center will continue. Beginning this fall Rose Mary Center will be operating a school program for children with severe and profound levels of cognitive disabilities and other physical and emotional challenges.

Disability Services is looking into the possibility of after workshop programming and/or evening activity programs for adults with developmental disabilities. In addition the Center will continue to provide religious, educational, and social opportunities to persons with developmental disabilities, the Deaf, Blind, and individuals with mental illnesses. Please read future newsletters to see how you can help us create the Center.

Camp Happiness, Marilyn Scott & Megan Bush We have completed another summer of providing unique and educational activities for youth and young adults with developmental disabilities. Field trips were definitely the highlight of the summer; the kids went to an Indians game and also a Lake Co. Captains game, they went bowling, ice skating, roller skating, toured Fire & Police stations and much, much more! Two days this summer, we were able to bring all four camp sites together for special events. On Friday, July 8th all 70+ campers spent the day at Edgewater park swimming, building sand castles and eating S'mores and on Wednesday, July 20th all campers participated in Field Day at Camp Corde in Parma. Thank you to the Center for Mental Retardation and the International Order of the Alhambra for making those two days possible! But also thank you to the staff for being so dedicated and for their energy in making this a very special summer for the kids!

Please go to our website for pictures of summer camp!
www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability

Saturday Classes, Marilyn Scott The Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP) is for adults with disabilities age 21 and over who have graduated from high school or a County Board of MR/DD program. Classes are from 9:30 – 3:00 on Saturday's beginning on September 17, 2005 and going through mid-May. A day includes classes in reading, math, computer, health/science, current events and exercise! If you or someone you know are interested in learning more about the CAEP, please call 216-334-2963 for information. We accept new students throughout the year!

Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain, Jim Geppert We have recently completed our 2nd year of summer camp programming at our site. Twenty-eight children, first grade through age 12, participated in exciting, educational and fun activities during our six week program. Lunch was provided each day and a field trip was enjoyed each week. Field trips included the Cleveland Zoo, Great Lakes Science Center, Roller Skating and other fun stuff! We were also happy to include children with varying disabilities and medical conditions such as cognitive disabilities, severe asthma, diabetes, attention deficit disorder (ADD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). We wish all of our kids a safe return to school in the coming weeks!

Employment & Training – Supported Employment The Employment and Training Program has been meeting with representatives from the Rehabilitation Services Commission (BVR and BSVI service units) and Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, researching enclave placements and recruiting referrals. We have been networking in the Greater Cleveland area with area employers and other agencies serving people with special needs in an effort to market the services we are able to provide. Presently we are working with a caseload of adults referred to date, and are in the process of meeting with additional individuals considering Disability Services as a vendor of choice for employment and training assistance. We have been actively meeting in the community with our consumers and have assisted in their networking with employers as part of their job search exploration.

We are ready to accept additional referrals. If you know of an individual who may benefit from our services, please contact us at 216-426-9870, x16 (Tom Mendelsohn) or x21 (Kristal Kent).

From Disability Ministries The 2006 Dates for the Monthly Retreats at St. Joseph Christian Life Center follow: January 20-22; February 17-19; March 17-19; April 13-15; May 19-21; September 15-17; October 13-15; November 17-19; and December 15-17. Please mark your calendars!

Once again Augustine Rainbow Camp provided a wonderful camp experience for various children throughout the Greater Cleveland area. Our five week program brought together children with an array of abilities and disabilities in such a way that all persons felt like an integral part of the overall camping experience. This past summer our campers went on several field trips which included the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Bowling at Cantius Lanes, Science Center, Pump-It-Up, Swings-N-Things, as well as various All Camps. The camp season ended with the Annual Talent Show where campers and staff show their gifts, skills, and/or talents for parents, friends, and family. Thank you to staff and families for a wonderful summer!

Community Information...

Cuyahoga voters to decide future of MR/DD services this fall. The Cuyahoga County Commissioners have placed a 3.9-million continuing levy on the November 8 ballot to support services for residents who have mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. The proposed levy would replace the five-year levy approved by voters in 2000, which expired at the end of 2004. It is the only local support for the Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities.

If passed, the levy would be placed on the tax list of the current year. It would generate \$117 million annually and cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$2 more a month in taxes.

With the funding, the Board of MR/DD could continue to provide supports and services to the more than 9,000 children and adults who come to it each year and meet the needs of additional individuals not currently served.

Catholic Charities is one of the Board of MR/DD's contract agencies and in 2004 we were able to provide over \$500,000 in services because of the levy and other funding available to the Board of MR/DD.

A levy loss would be catastrophic for the individuals now served and the hundreds of additional people with MR/DD who will need and request services in the coming years. At risk are specialized intervention services for 2,500 infants, toddlers and school children with multiple handicaps; employment and day activities programs for 3,500 adults; and specialized medical/therapy programs and residential services for 2,300 people.

The levy accounts for 57 percent of the total funding for services and supports for individuals with MR/DD in Cuyahoga County. It is the only local funding. The remaining funding comes from the Ohio Department of MR/DD, the Ohio Department of Education and the federal Medicaid program and is contingent upon having the local levy in place. In other words, if the local funding isn't in place, the state and federal funds don't flow.

If you want to volunteer or make a contribution to the campaign to continue this levy, call the Friends of MR/DD at (216) 357-3215 or visit the campaign website at www.friendsofmr.org

Are you looking to volunteer??? There are many opportunities for persons with disabilities to participate in valuable service program with other individuals in the community! Some of these include serving meals, packing food, helping with landscaping at various community center or local parks, helping at a local animal shelter and much more! Call the Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD's EPICS program for more information - 440-835-0364 – Ask for Holly.

The Ohio State MH/MR 3rd Annual Conference - Mental Health Aspects: Treatment & Support – will be on December 5 & 6, 2005 at the Columbus Marriott North Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. Many different sessions are offered each day. The conference brochure will be available by the first week of October on the NADD web site of www.thenadd.org. To request a brochure when available, e-mail info@thenadd.org with your name and address, or call the NADD office at (800) 331-5362.

Free Movies!!! A person with a disability can get free movies – Check out this website for more information – www.Moviesforfree.org

The Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD ACCESS members are having a Craft Show on Saturday, September 24, 2005, at Parma DC (6149 W. 130th Street, Parma, Ohio 44130) from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. If you have questions or for more information, call Cindy at 216.898.0033 or Jené at 216.898.0054.