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*40 Years of Service & Ministry to persons with disabilities ~ 1966 to 2006*

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[www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability)

**~ 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 in their pocket or wallet or 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...2006/2007 Dance Dates...**

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

2346 West 14<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland ~ 216-334-2963

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month (unless noted by \*)

**2007 Dates:** January 12; February 9; March 9; April 13; \*May 4; June 8;

**No Dance in July;** August 10; September 14; October 12; November 9; December 7

**Catholic Charities Family Center Lorain ~ 7 - 9:30 pm**

203 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Lorain, OH 44052 ~ 440-244-9915

**2007 Dates:** January 19 & March 30

**Rose-Mary Center 7:30 - 10:00 pm**

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

4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month (unless noted by \*)

**2007 Dates:** January 26; February 23; March 23; April 27; May 25; June 22;

July 27; August 24; September 28; October 26; \*November 16; **No Dance in December**

***Weekend Retreats!!!***

**Sign up now for the January 19-21, 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:** January 19-21; February 16-18; March 16-18; April 5-7 (Holy Week, Thursday to Saturday); May 18-20; September 21-23; October 19-21; November 16-18; December 14-16

Fee is \$90.00  
 Send checks to:  
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Call  
 (216) 334-2963  
 to register

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## **Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries Newsletter** **Celebrating 40 years...1966 to 2006**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Journey to Bethlehem Mass was again a beautiful celebration! As one participant put it "it's like our yearly reunion". The gym was filled with over 300 participants. Bishop Roger Gries gave a beautiful homily reminding us of the talents that each of us possess no matter what our limitations may be. As always, it was a very emotional, spirit filled experience. Thank you to the servers and participants, the Diocese of Cleveland Foundation Associate Board, the International Order of the Alhambra, St. John Vianney Choir, the liturgical dancers, St. Augustine Parish, Deacon Ray Daull, Bishop Roger Gries and Marilyn Scott, our Program Administrator, who coordinated this beautiful event. If you have never attended the Journey, mark your calendars for December 15, 2007, for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Journey to Bethlehem liturgy. You can see pictures on our website at [www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability)

**Saturday Classes, Marilyn Scott** The Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP) has had a great first half of the year! Students were busy with classes and the many different events held by Disability Services. We are looking forward to coming back in January and planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the school year!

The CAEP is dedicated to meeting the continuing educational needs of adults with developmental disabilities. The CAEP is for adults, 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 \$55 one time material fee. Classes meet on Saturdays from mid September through May. If you are interested in more information, call or email Marilyn – 216-334-2963 or [mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org)

**Monthly Dances** Each month you have two options for monthly dances – OLA/St. Joseph Center and Rose-Mary Center! There is a 3<sup>rd</sup> location 3-4 times a year at the Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain! Look on the front for dance dates, times and locations!

**Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain, Jim Geppert** Our next "Friendship Connections" dance happens on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**Mural Project at Lorain Family Center A Success!** Our Success for Youth Program recently celebrated the completion of their "Mural Arts Project", on December 12<sup>th</sup> with an open house and unveiling. The Success for Youth program offers case management and life skills to teens with mild developmental disabilities in our area. Nine teens were paid to work with professional artists to paint a mural on one of the interior walls of our center. After conferring with staff members, volunteers and others the teens designed a mural that would reflect the values of "faith", "hope" and "new beginnings". Weeks of work finally resulted in a beautiful mural which will be a gift to the many people who will see it on a daily basis at our site. Well over one thousand people will see the mural in the course of a year! We extend thanks to all who made this project a success. Community

partners included Catholic Charities, Common Ground, and the Lorain County Workforce Development Agency.

**From Disability Ministries Our Weekend Retreat Program celebrates 20 years at St. Joseph Christian Life Center!** The Retreat program started 40 years ago by Sr. Leonard Kelley takes places one weekend a month and offers spiritual enrichment, friendship, and relaxation to adults with cognitive or other developmental disabilities. If you are interested in attending, call 216-334-2963.

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month from 11am to 1pm. Next meeting is January 13, 2007. Lunch and refreshments are provided. This program is held at St. Augustine Church's Walsh Hall (2486 W. 14<sup>th</sup> 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 January 5, 2007. Please join us. Call 216-781-5530.

### **Community Information...**

Here is a wonderful story we received about the Catholic Charities system of services and how the different services & ministries work together. This is how good things happen! Margie from the Caritas Connection received a phone call from a person at La Sagrada Familia Church. This person requested a wheelchair, a walker, a hospital bed mattress and a refrigerator. All of these items were provided by different Catholic Charities agencies:

- The wheelchair was obtained from Catholic Charities Disabilities Services.
- The walker came from Professional Medical Equipment (a Community of St. Augustine Healthcare System entity)
- The hospital bed mattress was provided by the St. Vincent Charities Hospital Environmental Services Director.
- The refrigerator was provided by St. Vincent Charities Hospital Plants Operation.

Fr. Fallon, Pastor of La Sagrada Familia, expresses his thanks to everyone who contributed to this wonderful collaboration. We at Disability Services are happy that we could participate.

**Mental Health Consumers/Survivors Create National Coalition** Mental health consumer/survivors have formed a national coalition to ensure that they play a major role in the development and implementation of health and mental health care and social policies at the state and national levels. For additional information, visit <http://www.ncmhcsso.org/index.htm> or send email to [info@ncmhcsso.org](mailto:info@ncmhcsso.org) or call Lauren Spiro at 978-590-2014.

*May your Christmas be filled with many blessings and  
may you have a happy and healthy New Year!*

