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HEY...

Want to learn new things??? Want to meet new friends???

Then you need to join us at the **Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP)**

- **What is the CAEP?** The CAEP is a program for adults age 21 and over who have cognitive and other developmental disabilities who would like to continue learning! Reading, Math, Health, Computer classes and more are offered!
- **When?** Every Saturday, September through May.
- **Where?** At OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 West 14th Street, Cleveland)
- **Cost?** \$88 a month (or \$792 a year) plus a \$60 activity fee
- **How do I get information?** Call 216-334-2963 or email mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org or 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: **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: 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: 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 September 21-23, 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: 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

Congratulations to Dennis C. McNulty, Director of Catholic Charities Disability Services. Dennis recently completed his Doctorate in Ministry (with persons with disabilities) at St. Mary's Seminary and Graduate School of Theology. As part of his dissertation, he created the first internet website that provides church teachings and practical suggestions to assist persons with disabilities to be more included and active in the church. The website serves as a resource for families, priests, religious, parishes and anyone in pastoral ministry. You can visit the website at www.catholicdisabilityteachings.com

Joining our present website of services at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability, this website adds another way for our Diocese to serve those with disabilities.

CORRECTION to the article which ran in the last Disability Services & Ministries newsletter regarding St. Vincent Charity Hospital's new program to improve medical care for the Deaf. Mt. Sinai Foundation was unintentionally omitted as a funder in the program. The article should have read:

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 D/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 D/deaf community. The program is being funded with grants from the Eva L. and Joseph M. Bruening Foundation and the Mount Sinai Foundation. In addition to the grants, SVCH will provide in-kind support for the first year.

Deaf Access Program, Tracy Gretick Tracy is the Deaf Access Program Coordinator. She is starting the community outreach phase of this program and will be making field trips out into the city. Please feel free to contact her if you would like her to come visit your group: tracy.gretick@csauh.com or 216-363-2517 (V/TTY, leave message through ORS.) Thanks!

Summer Camping, Marilyn Scott Our summer camping programs have begun! CYO day camps began on Monday, June 11 at four different sites – Amherst, Parma, Wickliffe and Bainbridge. For info about CYO camping go to www.clevelandcyo.org or call 216-334-1261 x14.

Camp Happiness Summer Program began June 18 at four sites as well - Wickliffe, Parma, Lakewood & Cleveland. Camp Happiness provides social, recreational and educational services to children and young adults with cognitive disabilities (mr/dd) ages 6-21.

Camp Happiness also works cooperatively with other summer programs offered by the Diocese of Cleveland, including Rose-Mary Center and Augustine Rainbow Camp in an effort to provide a broad spectrum of programming and inclusion opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Please call 216-334-2997 or go to our website for information on any of the above programs.

Saturday Classes, Marilyn Scott The Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP) had a wonderful 2006/2007 school year! We are off for the summer and will be back in September. 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. Classes meet on Saturdays from mid September through May. For more info, call or email Marilyn – 216-334-2963 or mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain, Jim Gepperth Our next "Friendship Connections" dance happens on Friday, June 29. 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

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 July 14, 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 July 6, 2007. Please join us. Call 216-781-5530.

Community Information...

Passport to Self Advocacy a retreat for Ohio's self advocacy groups will be held July 6, 7 and 8, 2007 at Buenger Residence Hall at Xavier University, 3800 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45207. This is sponsored by Empowered People Reaching Out & Leaders in Action. Please register by June 15. The cost for three days, including shared dorm room and all meals is \$150.00. For more information, please contact John Romer at 541-2021, ext. 35, or Keith Banner at 867-5932.

The 17th **Miss Deaf Ohio Pageant** (MDOP), an ability and talent contest for aspiring deaf women, will be held at the Holiday Inn in Independence, Ohio on August 17, 2007. The contestant who is chosen as Miss Deaf Ohio becomes an ambassador for Ohio Association of the Deaf (OAD) and a spokeswoman for more than 200,000 deaf and hard of hearing Ohioans. The Pageant is open to all deaf women between the ages of 17 and 27 from the state of Ohio. The Pageant's goal is to provide a fine, dignified and beautiful way to encourage young deaf woman to become leaders of tomorrow. For further information, email Linda Mahmood at Lmahmood@aol.com

Ice Land USA introduces their new Special Needs Skating Program. Join them on Saturday, July 21, from 11am to 1pm. This includes free skating and rental, pizza, chips, pretzels and pop! For more info, call 440-268-2800. There will be programs in the fall as well!

Ohio's Parent Guide to Autism Spectrum Disorders is now available from OCALI. This manual provides an overview of the world of autism spectrum disorders (ASD). It was developed by Ohio parents of individuals with ASD who have a broad range of experience with interventions, resources, and services. You can download it at http://www.ocali.org/family/fs_res_guide.php

2007 Annual Conference of the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council will be held Tuesday, September 18, 2007 from 10am to 4pm at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus. This conference is designed to assist parents and families in getting through the complicated maze of transition information, forms, eligibility program, funding and more. The conference is free to parents of children with disabilities...for others, it is \$35. For information call, 1-614-262-8124 or email axiscenter@aol.com

Supreme Court decides that Ohio parents do not need a lawyer to sue public school districts On May 21, 2007, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Ohio parents who choose to sue a school district over their children's special education needs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The Court held that parents do not need to be represented by a lawyer. Instead parents have independent, enforceable rights under IDEA and that they may represent themselves in court to vindicate those rights. This decision came from the Supreme Court's review of the *Winkelman v. Parma City School District* case. The complete article is at <http://olrs.ohio.gov/asp/winkelmandecision.asp>

Did you ever consider how accessible your grocery store is? The National Organization on Disabilities (NOD) writes that "For wheelchair users in New York City, a trip to the local grocery store often entails waiting outside for up to twenty minutes before they are let in. Why is this the case? Because grocery store owners are using bars, chains and locks to block accessible entrances, presumably to keep others from stealing their precious shopping carts. What they don't realize is in doing so, they are violating the Americans with Disabilities Act as well as city codes, and preventing potential customers from being able to shop in their stores." See complete story at www.nod.org