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March is MR/DD Awareness Month in Ohio

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**\*\*\*Sign Up Now for Catholic Summer Programs\*\*\***

Visit our website at [www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability)

**Happiness** is a 7 week day camp program for children to young adults ages 6-21 with cognitive and other developmental disabilities. It runs from June 15 to July 31, Monday-Friday, 9:30am to 3pm. Sites are located in Lakewood, Parma, Cleveland and Wickliffe. Campers enjoy a variety of activities, such as swimming, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games and community field trips. Activities are designed to allow individuals a chance to participate to the best of their ability.

Call 216-334-2963 or email [mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org) for information

**Augustine Rainbow Camp** is a 5-week program in an inclusive setting at OLA/St. Joseph Center in the Tremont neighborhood of Cleveland for campers ages 5 to 13 who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind or who have mild to moderate cognitive and developmental disabilities. This program is open to children with & without disabilities. Rainbow Camp runs from June 29-July 31.

Call 216-781-5530 for information

**CYO Camp Christopher** in Bath, Ohio, is an 8 week residential camp program for adults, 17 & over, with disabilities. This program allows individuals to participate according to their ability and choice. Swimming, boating, arts, crafts, nature study, relaxing, games, horseback riding, walking and more is offered.

Call 1-800-CYO-CAMP (1-800-296-2267) or e-mail [campregistrar@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:campregistrar@clevelandcatholiccharities.org) for information

**RoseMary Center** is a 9 week day camp program for children and young adults ages 6-21 with severe and profound disabilities. Dates to be announced. RoseMary Center Camp is located at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland, OH)

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Fee is \$120.00  
 Send checks to:  
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 7911 Detroit Ave.  
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***Weekend Retreats!!!***

**Sign up now for the May 22-24, 2009, Retreat!!**

*Spaces are limited to 20 Retreatants & fill up quickly!*

Retreats held at River's Edge (3430 Rocky River Dr.)

2009 Dates: March 6-8; May 22-24; Sept. 11-13; Oct. 9-11; Nov. 13-15; Dec. 11-13

2010 Dates: Jan. 8-10; Feb. 19-21; Mar. 5-7; Apr. 1-3 (Holy Week); May 7-9

Call  
 (216) 334-2963  
 to register

**Meet New  
 Friends!**

**\*\*\*Call Now for Information\*\*\***

**Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP)**

**Saturdays, from September to May**

at OLA/St. Joseph Center – 2346 W. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland, OH 44113

Call  
 (216) 334-2963  
 to set up a meeting

The CAEP is dedicated to meeting the continuing educational needs of adults with cognitive and other developmental disabilities ages 21 and over. Students have the opportunity to learn new things and meet new friends!

***~ Monthly Dances ~***

**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



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

**Cost...**\$3.00 for dancers (Staff are Free)  
 2346 West 14<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland ~ 216-334-2963  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month (unless noted by \*)

**Rose-Mary Center 7:30 – 10:00 pm**

**Cost...**\$5.00 (Staff Free but pay \$1 for snacks)  
 19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid ~ 216-481-4823  
 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month (unless noted by \*)

**2009 Dates:** Mar. 13; \*Apr. 3 (1<sup>st</sup> Friday);  
 \*May 1 (1<sup>st</sup> Fri.); June 12; No Dance in July; Aug. 14;  
 Sept. 11; Oct. 9; Nov. 13; Dec. 11

**2009 Dates:** Mar. 27; Apr. 24; May 22; June 26;  
 July 24; Aug. 28; Sept. 25; Oct. 23; \*Nov. 20 (3<sup>rd</sup> Fri);  
 No Dance in December

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**Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries Newsletter**  
**Celebrating 43 years...1966 to 2009**

**Send us your email address!** If you are receiving this newsletter by US Mail, please note that beginning in 2009 we will mail only 2 newsletters per year. We will send additional newsletters by email only. Don't be left out! Send your email address to [mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org) Please include your first and last name as well!



**March is MR/DD Awareness Month in Ohio!**

The theme this year is, Just Like You, to reinforce the fact that individuals with developmental disabilities have the same emotions, wants, needs and desires

as everyone else.

It is often attitudinal barriers that affect everyday life for people with developmental disabilities. In addressing those barriers through positive awareness efforts, fears and negative attitudes can be replaced with knowledge and understanding.

Ohio Public Images has a website where you can get ideas and materials to celebrate MRDD Awareness Month. Celebrate your neighbors with disabilities who are creating opportunities for success in their communities. Visit their website at [www.publicimagesnetwork.org](http://www.publicimagesnetwork.org)

**Irish American Archives Society Walks of Life 2009 Award**

Congratulations to Mary Ellen Kenneley Czelusniak as she receives the "Walk of Life" award from the Irish American Archives Society. Mary Ellen is being honored because of her twenty years of ministry as a pastoral worker for Catholic Charities Office of Deaf Ministry. Mary Ellen is the first deaf person in the United States to serve as a full time pastoral minister. We feel very proud that Mary Ellen is receiving this honor because of her many years of outstanding dedication as a religious education teacher, a home visitor of the deaf, a leader in Mary's Rosary guild and the Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center, and a generous person, always willing to give of her time and her skills to make the world better. Congratulations Mary Ellen!!

**The Deaf Addiction Recovery Program** In January of 2008, Catholic Charities Services established drug and alcohol treatment services for deaf and hard of hearing adults. The Deaf Addiction Recovery Program (DARP) provides accessible opportunities to deaf and hard of hearing adults for recovery from drug and alcohol abuse and addiction.

The outpatient program's philosophy is based on the 12-step recovery process developed by Alcoholics Anonymous. DARP services are provided by Brian Freeman, an addiction recovery counselor since 1983. He has served deaf and hard of hearing adults since 1991, and is fluent in sign language.

For referrals to Catholic Charities' Deaf Addiction Recovery Program, please contact: Brian Freeman, Ph.D., LICDC, LSW, Director, at (216) 391-2064 x 51 or (216) 536-0215 (cell - texting).

**ICDA-US Conference - July 17 - 21, 2009** The International Catholic Deaf Association (ICDA) Chapter #18 - Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center will host the ICDA-US Conference at the Renaissance Hotel, in downtown Cleveland. The theme is "Changes, Challenges, Opportunities; Trust, Faith and Hope."

There will be workshops, different activities to participate in and fun outings! For more information email visit the website at <http://www.icda-us.org/> or email them at [icdaus2009clev@aol.com](mailto:icdaus2009clev@aol.com)

**Outreach Ministry Weekend Retreats** Call us to learn more about this wonderful opportunity! River's Edge on Rocky River Dr. is a great facility full of hospitality. To learn more, visit their website at [www.riversedgecleveland.com](http://www.riversedgecleveland.com) The upcoming retreat dates are listed on the front of this newsletter. The cost is \$120. Call 216-334-2963 to learn more about our weekend retreats! New participants will be asked to visit first and complete a registration packet.

**The Continuing Adult Education Program** Learn new things and meet new friends!!! Join us at the Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP), which is now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year. Space is available. Classes meet on Saturdays from September through May at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland, OH – on RTA busline).

Currently students are studying and learning about Florida, Georgia, North & South Carolina. In their reading class, they have begun presenting a book report with a visual aid to their classmates! In math, they continue to learn the importance of money and calculating change!

The CAEP is dedicated to meeting the continuing educational needs of adults with cognitive and other developmental disabilities ages 21 and over. Students have the opportunity to learn new things and meet new friends! Students must provide their own transportation and tuition is \$88 a month with an additional one time material fee of \$60. Call to set up an appointment to visit us! Contact Marilyn at 216-334-2963 or [mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org)

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 Saturday, March 14, 2009. 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).

**The New Faith & Light Community** meets the first Friday of each month at 6pm at St Augustine Church. Due to the Lenten activities, the next meeting will be Friday, May 1, 2009. Please join us. Call 216-781-5530 for both ministries.

**Rose-Mary, The Johanna Grasselli Rehabilitation and Education Center**, was established in 1922 and is a private, non-profit-agency, operated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. The Center is licensed as an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded by the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. Funding is provided through Medicaid, Catholic Charities, United Way and local fundraising efforts.

Forty children, who present with a range of diagnoses, including mental retardation, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, multiple disabilities and behavioral challenges, are served at the Center. The interdisciplinary team includes specialists in Physical and Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology, Psychology, Social Work, and self-care training. Additionally, twenty-four hour nursing and staffing are available at the Center. Staff work closely with the teachers and therapists at the children's school programs, as well as their families, to develop programs, which are implemented across all settings and can truly impact the lives of the individuals served.

The Children's Center is located in the City of Euclid on the Eastern border of Cuyahoga County. The Center is currently accepting referrals. Contact Patrick Furlan, Director of Therapeutic Services, at 216.481.4823 x150 or [Furlan@rose-marycenter.com](mailto:Furlan@rose-marycenter.com) if you have any questions or would like additional information. Further details about Rose-Mary Center programs are also available on their web site at [www.rose-marycenter.com](http://www.rose-marycenter.com).

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Catholic Teachings & Practical Suggestions  
[www.catholicdisabilityteachings.com](http://www.catholicdisabilityteachings.com)

**Happy St. Patrick's Day**

