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Diocese of Cleveland
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April 2003

Join us for our Monthly Dances

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

7:30-10:00 p.m. / \$3.00 for dancers

*** Dancers must present an ID
when they arrive***

If needed, supervision must be provided by

OLA/St. Joseph Center 

2346 West 14th St., Cleveland

Friday, April 11th

Friday, May 9th

Friday, June 13th

Friday, July 11th

Friday, August 8th

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Rose-Mary Center

19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid

Friday, April 25th

Friday, May 23rd

Friday, June 27th

Friday, July 25th

Friday, August 22nd

Weekend Retreats!!!

Call NOW to register for the

May 16, 17 & 18th Retreat!

This is the last retreat until September 19-21

*Register early! There are limited spaces
& they fill up quickly!*

*Retreats held at St. Joseph Christian Life Center
Located along Lake Erie, 18485 Lake Shore Blvd.*

Call (216) 696-6525 ext. 2700 to register
The fee for the Retreat is \$90.00

Send your checks to:

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~ 2003 Retreat Dates ~

Sept. 19-21; Oct. 24-26;

Nov. 14-16; Dec. 12-14

*Camp Happiness ~ June 16 - July 25
Rainbow Camp ~ June 23 - July 25
RoseMary Center ~ June 16 - July 25*

Call for a camper registration and attend one of our many day camp sites throughout Greater Cleveland.

**Camp Happiness begins
Monday, June 16th**
*Call now for information
For campers or for staff!*

216-696-6525 x2700 or x2590

**Are you interested in working for
Camp Happiness?**

Staff are needed Monday thru Friday
9:30 am - 3:00 pm at our 4 day camp sites
~ in Lakewood, Parma, Wickliffe and
Cleveland (west side)

Are you interested in a Residential Camp?

CYO & Community Services of the Diocese of Cleveland offers a residential camp for adults with disabilities at **Camp Christopher** in Bath, Ohio, Summit County.
Please call for information ~ 1-800-CYO-CAMP (or 1-330-376-2267)

Catholic Charities, Disability Services ~ (216) 696-6525, ext. 2700 Fax (216) 861-9795 Ohio Relay Number (TTY) ~ 711
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Disability Ministries ~ 2486 West 14th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44113 (216) 781-5530 Voice/TTY
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Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries System Bulletin

Ohio's New Level One Waiver

The Level 1 Waiver will provide up to \$5,000 to individuals and families to access services such as; formal and informal respite; transportation; and homemaker/personal care.

April 28 is the proposed date for implementation. Contact your County Board of MRDD to see how this waiver might work for you!

Considering the Future...

As we consider the future we have to consider the mission of the services & ministries we provide as well as the decrease in funding that we are experiencing.. After much discussion and consideration we are going to make changes in two areas.

The Summer Residential Program for adults with mrdd

Beginning this summer we will provide a 24-hour residential program in partnership with Camp Christopher in Bath, OH. Camp Christopher is a Catholic Charities Program administrated by the CYO & Community Services of Summit County. The additional benefits are that we will be able to serve more adults with mrdd and that this new arrangement will be more economical for our families.

Along with this we may be able to offer a day or evening program for adults with disabilities. We are currently exploring how many people are actually interested in this type of program and are partnering with the CCBMRDD on the design that may be most appropriate. It is our hope that we will be able to serve more people with disabilities as we move in to the future.

Catholic Special Education Day Education ~ OLA/St. Joseph Center

The cost of special education rises yearly. At the same time we are dedicated to assisting families in accessing a Catholic education.

OLA/St. Joseph Center has been involved in the certification process to become part of the Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program. The Scholarship Program (vouchers) gives students an opportunity to attend a nonpublic chartered and public schools in the surrounding Cleveland area. The State will provide reimbursement for tuition to help the families pay the cost of attending one of these schools.

In addition OLA/St. Joseph Center is the first special education school to become involved in this program. We have completed the certification process and are awaiting the signature the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Ohio. Inclusion in this program will give families with students with special educational needs an opportunity for an education at OLA/St. Joseph Center.

Supported Employment

Erika Millerbernd, Cuyahoga Co. Congratulations to Supported Employment of Cuyahoga County ~ they now have 6 active clients! Supported Employment is a program that assists adults with disabilities to become employed in our community.

A Job Fair was held at the Fatima Family Center on April 10th.

Good Luck to Bob Math ~ Bob was the Director of the Employment & Training Program. He recently took a new position and we wish him luck! We will miss him.

Pat Price ~ Lake County In Lake County, Pat Price is very excited that two of her clients for Supported Employment have recently been hired and a third is about to be hired. It is wonderful to see people with disabilities seeking employment in Lake County!

Are you are an employer? Please consider hiring people with disabilities. Contact us for details!

Molly Worthington ~ Social & Recreational Activities

The CAEP students and staff have been working very hard. We have three new students that have joined the CAEP program. Welcome to Gavin, Christy and Arnold. We are happy to have you as a part of the program. The CAEP students celebrated Valentines Day with a potluck lunch. It was a festive lunch to beat the winter blues. Before we know it May will be here and the end of the 2002-2003 school year will be upon us. The students are currently preparing for the annual all CAEP community outing that will take place in May.

The warm weather and the days filled with sunshine are coming soon. This can only mean that it is time for CAMP!!!! We are currently in the process of accepting camper applications for our Camp Happiness programs. We urge those who are interested to act quickly. There is often a waiting list by May. Please complete your camper's forms and return them as soon as possible.

We are also looking for people who are interested in working at Camp Happiness. We have four wonderful sites to choose from in the Greater Cleveland area. It is a great way to spend the summer! Please call 216-696-6525 ext. 2700 for an application.

Jim Gepperth ~ Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain

The Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities Services passed a resolution on April 2, 2003 to support three tax levies in the Diocese of Cleveland for health and human services. One will support the facilities, programs, and services for Murray Ridge Center in Lorain County. Election day is May 6th. If you live in Lorain please support Issue 16.

Our collaboration with the Lorain County Board of MRDD continues to grow. We are happy to announce that we have recently begun to provide Supported Living services for our fourth client! Supported Living and Respite Care services are an important support for individuals and families that allow persons with disabilities to live in their own home or apartment in the community.

Joe Ungarsky ~ Supported Living / Youth Respite

Catholic Charities Supported Living and Parmadale had their Spring Fling Festival at Camp Corde, on Friday April 11, 2003. This was an evening filled with much food, games karaoke, and dancing. Mother Nature cooperated with us much better than last year when we searched for Easter eggs under a blanket of snow. The temperatures were more reminiscent of spring instead of winter.

From Disability Ministries: The Circle ~ Everyone Belongs

a religious social gathering will be held at Warrensville Developmental Center (4325 Green Rd., Highland Hills, OH 44128) on Tuesday, May 27 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Ministries available at St. Augustine Church ~ 2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland. The **Beatitudes Faith Formation Program** is a Catechetical program providing religious instruction and community for youth ages 3-19 with disabilities. They will meet on April 26 & May 3 with the OLA/St. Joseph Center First Communion class. First Communion will be on Sunday, May 4 at the 10am Mass at St. Augustine Church in Cleveland. **A new Beatitude Faith Formation** is beginning in Akron, Ohio. If you wish to learn more, please call Sr. Miriam at 216-781-5530 x24. **"New Hope,"** St. Augustine's **Faith & Light** group will meet from 6:30pm - 8:30pm on May 16. **Sign Language Class** begins in May at 6:30 p.m. . Call Tracy Gretick at 216-781-5530 x32. **Catholic Blind Community Prayer Line ~ 440-349-1050** When you have a need, please call the above number ~ allow the Catholic Blind Community to help you.

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

A Self-help group for women who are deaf and are survivors of sexual abuse will meet every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm to 8:30 PM at OLA/St. Joseph Center at 2346 W. 14th St. Cleveland.

Making Choices ~ Opening Doors ~ Presented by the Center for Mental Retardation, Making Choices, Opening Doors is a multi-session workshop to help your family member with mental retardation or developmental disabilities with the most important decisions about where to live. The next workshop is Saturday, July 19 & 26 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Independence Civic Center (6363 Selig Blvd., Independence). There will be a Fall workshop on the Westside. Cost is \$50 per couple or family and \$35 for CMR members. Please call 216-621-4504 for further information.

Have you prepared for the future? The Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD is sponsoring a series of workshops for parents who are looking ahead for their child's future. John & Carol Culley are the workshop presenters. The next series of workshops will be September 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2003 from 9am to noon at North Coast Community Homes (5410 Transportation Blvd. Ste. 3 in Cleveland) and another on October 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2003 from 6pm to 9pm at the Westlake Developmental Center (24211 Center Ridge Rd.). The cost of this workshop is \$50. **Please call (216) 736-2717 for further information ~ Advance registration is required.**

VSA Arts ~ VSA Arts is an international organization that provides opportunities in the arts for children and adults with disabilities. They are seeking artists for the 2004 International VSA Arts Festival, to be held June 9-12, 2004 in Washington, D.C. The theme of the Festival is "Odyssey: DARE to Imagine." Applications for participation must be postmarked by May 30; artists will be notified by July 15. For further info: Shaena Muldoon, 800-933-8721; www.vsaartsfestival.org

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