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Happy Holidays!!

Next Dance at OLA/St. Joseph Center is Friday, January 7, 2005

December 2004

Check out our new Website!!! <http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability>

Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Holiday Season and a Safe New Year!!

*****Please note ~ Dance at OLA/St. Joseph Center in January is the 1st Friday ~ January 7*****

~ 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 the dancer does not keep their ID in their pocket or wallet,
then they need to wear a **nametag with their name and phone number on it!**

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.

OLA/St. Joseph Center

7 - 9:30 pm

2346 West 14th St.,
Cleveland

216-334-2963

2nd Friday of the month,

*(unless noted by *)*

Jan. 7*; Feb. 11; March 11;
April 8; **May 6***; June 10;
July 8; Aug. 12; Sept. 9;
Oct. 14; Nov. 11; Dec. 9

Mark your Calendars with the 2005

Dance Dates

Now in 3 Locations...

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

203 W. 8th St., Lorain, OH 44052

440-244-9915

Look for the 2005 Dates in the next newsletter!!!

Rose-Mary Center

7:30 - 10:00 pm

19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid
216-481-4823

4th Friday of the month
*(unless noted by *)*

Jan. 28; Feb. 25; **March 18***; April 23; May 27; June 24; July 22; Aug. 26; Sept. 23; Oct. 28; **Nov. 18***
no dance in December

Call
(216) 334-2963
to register

Weekend Retreats!!!

Register now for the January 14-16, 2005 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.)

The 2005 monthly Retreat dates are:

Jan. 14-16; Feb. 18-20; Mar. 24-26 (Holy Week); Apr. 15-17; May 20-22; Sept. 16-18; Oct. 21-23; Nov. 18-20; Dec. 16-18.

The fee is \$90.00
Send your checks to:
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Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries System Bulletin

Since 1966

Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio

Remember to check out our website...

www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability. We will continuously update it with pictures from recent Disability Services events & also information about upcoming events!

On Saturday, December 18, we celebrated our 20th Annual Journey to Bethlehem Liturgy at the OLA/St. Joseph Center! Despite the threat of bad weather, hundreds came to celebrate Christmas together. Bishop Roger Gries, as always, was our main celebrant. He inspired all of those in attendance and really got us into the Christmas spirit!

If you live in the Cleveland area, you may have seen the beautiful story on our Journey to Bethlehem Liturgy in the Cleveland Plain Dealer on Sunday, December 19, Metro Section. **If you did not, log on to our Disability website to see the article!**

There are so many people to thank for making this Liturgy such a beautiful event! We would especially like to thank the Associate Board from the Diocese of Cleveland Foundation! They once again came to volunteer and they assisted with the set up, clean up and orchestration of the meal after the Liturgy. We couldn't have done it without them!

See pictures from this celebration on our website!

OLA/St. Joseph Center Dances and Saturday Classes, Marilyn Scott Catholic Charities is proud to offer dances at 3 different sites! One on the West Side, one on the East Side and one in Lorain! Please see the front of this newsletter for the dates for the 2005 Dances at the OLA/St. Joseph Center (West) and Rose-Mary Center (East). There are also dances being held at the Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain ~ dates for 2005 will be announced soon!

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the monthly dances, they are held on a Friday and the cost is \$3 ~ caregivers get in Free. We have a DJ playing music from 7pm to 9:30pm at OLA/SJC and in Lorain and from 7:30pm to 9:30pm at Rose-Mary Center and everyone receives a ticket for pop & chips. There is a dance contest where judges award prizes to the best dancers! Dancers must bring their ID to show at the door ~ if they do not carry their ID in their own pocket or wallet, then they must wear a nametag with their name and phone number. It would help if you came to the dance with a nametag already filled out and on your shirt. It gets very crowded at the front door and if you come prepared, it will help with that congestion! If supervision is needed for a dancer, the group home or individual's family or caregiver must provide that supervision.

So, if you enjoy music and social activities, come on down and check it out! If you need directions, give us a call at 216-334-2963.

The Continuing Adult Education Program would like to thank the Diocese of Cleveland Foundation's Associate Board for their help in making the Thanksgiving Feast a wonderful celebration!

There are spaces open at the CAEP for new students. This program is for adults ages 21 and over with cognitive disabilities who want to continue their education. If you think this is something you may be interested in, please give us a call at 216-334-2963. We can set up a meeting to discuss if this program would be appropriate!

From Disability Ministries

Bishop Roger Gries has been very present at our Disability Ministry programs during the months of November & December! He celebrated a liturgy at our November weekend Retreat. He came to our Journey to Bethlehem (see article above) and in December he visited Rose-Mary Center to celebrate a special liturgy in honor of the residents and staff who passed away during 2004. Thank you Bishop Roger for all that you do for people with disabilities!

Our weekend retreat participants visited the CAEP for their Thanksgiving Feast held at the OLA/St. Joseph Center in November. The participants joined the CAEP students and their families for a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings and other activities! Annie Zahradnik taught everyone Liturgical dancing. Other activities added to the days business and fun was had by all! See the Disability website for pictures!

The **Beatitudes Program for Children & Adults** with special needs will be on January 8, 2005, from 11:00am to 1:00 pm at St. Augustine Church's Walsh Hall.

The **Faith & Light Community** will be held on Friday, January 28, 2005, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, also at Walsh Hall. This is open to people with disabilities and their family and friends who support them.

Supported Employment, Catholic Charities Services Corp.,

Employment and Training has two (2) positions open for its disability services: Program Administrator and Community Supported Employment Coordinator. The Program Administrator position requires experience with BVR/BSVI and community supported employment for persons with MR/DD, and preferably someone who is able to communicate with sign language. The Community Supported Employment Coordinator position requires someone who is experienced in supported employment for persons with MR/DD.

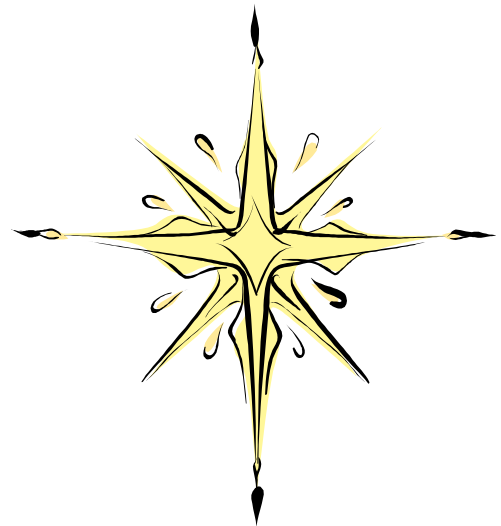
Both positions are to provide direct services, including job search skills training, job development, job placement, and retention services. The Program Administrator will supervise supported employment and carry a BVR/BSVI caseload of persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. Positions are posted on CareerBoard and resumes should be sent to Catholic Charities Human Resources 7911 Detroit Ave.; Cleveland, Ohio 44102; Fax: 216-334-2914. Inquiries to: Beverly Cinovec, Employment and Training Director at 216-426-9870, ext. 13.

Ever since the Symposium of June 2001, there have been many goals that we have set for ourselves after that meeting. One of the goals was advocacy. For the past several years, Fr. Joseph McNulty and Dennis McNulty have attended the Catholic Charities USA Convention (CCUSA) to present legislative testimony on issues that impact the lives of people with disabilities. Recently CCUSE released their list of legislative priorities for 2005. We are happy to inform you that disability issues was listed as a priority concern.

Community Information

Preparing for the Future Workshops ~ 2005 These workshops are presented by Carol & John Culley, along with the Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD. They provide families a "toolkit" for putting together a Life Plan. For more information or to register, call 216-736-2717. Dates for the workshops are: Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23 at Brooklyn Adult Activities Center; April 6, 13, 20 & 27 at Parma Developmental Center; Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28 at Euclid Adult Activities Center; and Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 at Westlake Developmental Center. They meet from 6pm to 9pm and cost is \$50.

The Cuyahoga Special Education Service Center (CSESC) is having a Leadership Development Series - Disability Summit 2005 on Friday, April 8 at St. Michael's Woodside in Broadview Hts. Cost is \$15. Deadline to register is April 1, 2005. For more information, call 440-885-2685 x237.



*May the Star of Christmas
continue to shine brightly
in your life*