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March 2004 ~ Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

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~ Summer Programs ~

There are many summer program opportunities for children and adults with disabilities!!!

Camp Happiness is a 6 week day camp program for children to young adults ages 6-21 with developmental disabilities. It runs Monday-Friday (9:30-3:00), beginning June 21 and ending July 30. There are 4 different locations: Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe; St. Augustine Academy in Lakewood; OLA/St. Joseph Center in Cleveland (Tremont); and Parmadale in Parma. Campers enjoy a variety of activities, such as swimming, arts and crafts, games both indoor and outdoor and community field trips. Activities are designed to allow individuals a chance to participate to the best of their ability as they develop skills learned in school or workshop. The cost for 6 weeks of camp, including transportation is \$1,656. Call 216-334-2963 for information or to receive an application.

CYO Camp Christopher in Bath, Ohio, is an eight-week residential camp program for adults, 18 & over, with disabilities. This program allows individuals to participate in the program according to their ability and choice. Swimming, boating, arts and crafts, nature study, relaxing, games, horseback riding, walking and other activities are offered. Cost for a week of Special Populations Camp is \$350 making this an affordable vacation alternative.

1-800-CYO-CAMP (1-800-296-2267) or e-mail campregistrar@akroncyo.org or visit our website at www.campchris.org

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 16 who are deaf, hard of hearing or blind. Also serves children with mild, moderate and severe mental retardation/developmental disabilities. This program includes children with & without disabilities. Rainbow Camp runs from June 28 to July 30.

Monthly Dances

*Don't forget to wear your Green for the
St. Patrick's Day Dances!!!
Enjoy friends, dancing, snacks, prizes and great music!*

Cost ~ \$3.00 for dancers (Staff are Free)

Time ~ OLA/St. Joseph Center is 7pm to 9:30pm
and Rosemary Center is 7:30pm to 10pm

ID ~ Dancers must present ID on arrival and this ID must be kept with the dancers not with staff *Another option is a nametag with their name and phone number on it*

Svision ~ If supervision is needed, the individual group home or family must provide.

OLA/St. Joseph Center 

2346 West 14th St., Cleveland

Fridays, March 12; Apr 2; May 14; June 11; July 16; Aug 13; Sept. 10; Oct. 1; Nov. 12; Dec. 10

Rose-Mary Center

19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid

Fridays, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 19 (3rd Friday)

Camp Christopher Open House

Come see what our Residential Camp has to offer!!
2 dates to choose from

Tuesday evening, April 27 5:30pm to 7:30pm
and

Sunday afternoon, May 16 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Call 1-800-CYO-CAMP (1-800-296-2267)

Weekend Retreats!!!

*Register now for the
March 19-21, 2004 Retreat*

*Spaces are limited to 20 Retreatants & fill up quickly!
Retreats held at St. Joseph Christian Life Center
Located along Lake Erie, 18485 Lake Shore Blvd.*

**Call (216) 334-2963 to register
The fee for the Retreat is \$90.00**

Send your checks to:

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Catholic Charities Health & Human Services Disability Services & Ministries System Bulletin

OLA/St. Joseph Center ~ Pam Delly, Principal ~ Lenten Project at OLA/St. Joseph Center. During Lent this year the classes at OLA/St. Joseph Center will make a Crown of Thorns from bread. Toothpicks inserted in the "bread Crown of Thorns" will represent the Thorns in Jesus' crown. The student-made crowns will be displayed in the gym during Lent. Each morning during prayer circle, teachers and students will identify good deeds accomplished by each other. Students identified as good deed doers will remove one toothpick (thorn) from the Crown. For each thorn removed, money will be donated to a charity.

Headstart ~ Tammi Seifert Head Start children have completed speech screenings and the results have been shared with the parents. Some children have been identified as needing further speech evaluation. Parents have been notified of specific areas of concern and have received referral information. Language classroom is an intervention service provided to specific children identified by the Speech Pathologists. Language classroom services are beginning this month in each classroom.

There are slots available for children to enroll into our Head Start preschool program at several sites. If you have a child with special needs and you would like to enroll him/her into the Catholic Charities Services Head Start preschool program, please contact Tammi Seifert, Disabilities Services Coordinator, at (216) 334-2944.

CYO & Community Services, Summit Co., Tess Flannery CYO & Community Services will be hosting evenings of respite on March 6 and 27, and April 3, 17 and 24. The evening's activities include arts & crafts, cooking, bingo, basketball, swimming and more. All sessions provide up to 7 hours of respite, with the exception of April 24 which will offer 12 hours of respite. For a brochure about the program and more information, please call Tess Flannery at (330) 762-2961 x224.

Molly Worthington ~ Social & Recreational Activities It is hard to believe that the 2004 day camp program is right around the corner. Before we know it, the sun will be shining, and the days will be longer with much warmer temperatures!! The Camp Happiness program, for children and young adults, ages 6-21, begins this year on June 21 and runs until July 30. This is the 38th year of operation for Camp Happiness and we look forward to another wonderful summer filled with new experiences, friends and excitement. The overall theme this summer is "Imagine". Those interested in attending camp can receive an application by calling 216-334-2963.

We also have positions for those who are interested in working as a Camp Counselor for Camp Happiness. If you are 18 years of age or older and are interested in working at Camp Happiness, please call for a camp staff application at 216-334-2964.

Jim Gepperth ~ Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain We are pleased to announce that our Success for Youth Program is partnering with the Lorain County Volunteer Action Center to provide a six week leadership training for our participants. The Success for Youth Program currently meets at our center twice a week from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM. The program serves young adults ages 13 to 17 who have mild cognitive delays and who are referred to us by the Lorain County Juvenile Court. Weekly topics include: creative leadership, team communications, diversity, leadership 101, creativity skills and individual goal setting! For more information contact Mr. Gil Ambercrombie 440-366-1106 ext. 20.

Supported Employment Congratulations to a successful client in the Supported Employment program! He graduated from Lakeland Community College in May, 2003, with a Paralegal Certificate. One week later, he had gastric bypass surgery. Since then, he has lost 130 pounds, has cut out one insulin medication entirely, reduced another one drastically, and is off blood pressure medication entirely. In addition, Supported Employment assisted him with his job search, and he was hired as a Paralegal by a downtown Cleveland law firm in October, 2003, where he is still employed!

Also ~ Welcome to Flor Gomez! Flor has recently joined Catholic Charities Employment & Training. Flor is bi-lingual & also knows sign language ~ we are honored to have Flor working with us!

From Disability Ministries

The Monthly Retreat dates for the remainder of 2004 are: April 8-10 (Holy Week); May 14-16; Sept. 17-19; Oct. 15-17; Nov. 19-21; Dec. 17-19.

Beatitudes Faith Formation for children with special needs will next meet on Saturday, March 27 from 11am - 12 noon at St. Augustine's Walsh Hall.

More from Disability Ministries...

The next Circle ~ Everyone Belongs is at Warrensville Developmental Center (4325 Green Rd. Warrensville, OH 44128) on Tuesday, May 18 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm.

The St. Augustine's Youth Group is participating in CYO's Youth & Young Adult Ministry's Youth Conference at the end of March. If you are interested in attending this conference, call the Young Adult Ministry office at 216-334-1261 x16. This conference is wheelchair accessible.

New Hope Faith & Light will not be meeting in March or April ~ instead they will take part in the Stations of the Cross and Fish Fry every Friday during Lent at St. Augustine Church. Please come down and join them! The next meeting will be May 14 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in St. Augustine's Walsh Hall.

The Raphael Advisory Council thanks everyone for the "Best Breakfast!" Their next meeting is May 7 at St. Augustine's Mylott Hall (below the Church).

Rainbows for all God's Children is a peer support group for children in kindergarten to 8th grade who have or are experiencing a loss. They will meet every Monday in March on the 1st Floor of the St. Augustine School Building.

Call 216-781-5530 for information on any of the above Disability Ministries.

Mark your calendars...The Arc of Ohio Day at Cedar Point has been scheduled for Thursday, May 27, 2004. Cedar Point donates 2,000 free admissions and picnic lunches and as many half price admissions as needed, with an opportunity to purchase a picnic lunch. **But you must register by mid April!!!** For more info e-mail arcoho@rroho.com or call Melinda Garverick at 1-800-875-2723 x112.

The ARC of Ohio website - www.thearcofohio.org - has a bulletin board feature. Click the scrolling banner at the top to view announcements! Post an announcement too ~ contact Joan Arnold (jarnold@rrcol.com) or Melinda Garverick (melindag@rroho.com)

Congratulations to the District of Columbia!! For the first time, all citizens of the District of Columbia, including the 22,000 individuals who have disabilities or are blind, were able to vote secretly and independently in the country's first primary election on January 13th. DC is among the first jurisdictions to meet the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requirement for at least one accessible touchscreen voting unit in every polling place. In another first, the District conducted the election on a "blended system." Voters had the choice of voting on an accessible electronic touchscreen or on a paper optical scan ballot. The accessible system allows blind or visually impaired voters, using headphones, to hear the ballot and vote.

Gov. Bob Taft recently signed SB 178 (Spada), which implements the recommendations of the MR/DD Victims of Crimes Task Force, makes related changes in the law and provides a mechanism for the closing of ODMR/DD developmental centers that involves independent studies and public hearings. The bill contains an emergency clause and goes into effect immediately upon the governor's signature and filing with the secretary of state.

Are you interested in volunteering??? Call the Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD's **EPICS** program and sign up for one of many different volunteer opportunities! Sort clothes at the City Mission, clean at the Cleveland Children's Museum, help with gardening or cleaning at St. Malachi Center, go bowling for Junior Achievement's "Boot Scoot-n-Bowl", assist at a Spring Break day camp, participate at Earthfest at the Zoo or at the Very Special Arts Festival and many more. Call Holly Grady at 440-835-0364 for more information and to sign up for these many exciting opportunities!

Making Choices ~ Opening Doors...The Center for Mental Retardation is presenting a multi-session workshop to help with the most important decisions about where to live and to develop your own solutions to lifetime decisions for your family member with mental retardation or developmental disabilities. One session begins March 9 for five Tuesdays from 9:30am - 11:30am at Signature Square Auditorium (25201 Chagrin Blvd. in Beachwood). The next session begins June 1 for five Tuesdays from 6:30pm - 8:30pm also at Signature Square Auditorium. Cost is \$50/family or for CMR members \$35. Registration is limited ~ Call 216-621-4504 to register!

Bonnie Hanschu's **Autism/Creating Sensory Environments Course** is coming to Maumee, Ohio (Toledo area) May 7-8, 2004. Tuition is \$375 ~ Register online at www.atready.com or call 419-269-1550. They will offer an understanding of autism, interactive learning, networking opportunities, a brain oriented explanation of the behavioral issues associated with autism and simple & safe strategies to improve performance.