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*Please note change of date...
November Dance at OLA/SJC is...*

Friday, November 4



~ 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 in their pocket or wallet or 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!!!

*Supervision...*If supervision is needed, the individual group home or family must provide

Mark your Calendars...

2005 Dance Dates...

OLA/St. Joseph Center

7 - 9:30 pm

2346 West 14th St., Cleveland ~ 216-334-2963

Fridays...Nov. 4; Dec. 9

Catholic Charities Family Center

Lorain ~ 7 - 9:30 pm

203 W. 8th St., Lorain, OH 44052 ~ 440-244-9915

Friday, Nov. 18

Rose-Mary Center

7:30 - 10:00 pm

19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid ~ 216-481-4823

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

Oct. 28; Nov. 18*; no dance in December

You are invited to the 21st Annual Journey to Bethlehem Celebration

Saturday, December 17, 2005

10:30 am @ OLA/St. Joseph Center

With Bishop Roger Gries

*Prayer, song, celebration and friendship
for persons with developmental disabilities
and their families, friends, catechists, and advocates*

Light lunch will follow

Look for more information soon!

Please note our new e-mail addresses below:

Dennis McNulty is

dmcnulty@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

Marilyn Scott is

mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

Other Catholic Charities employees new e-mails are listed at the bottom of this page ~ we have changed from

@dioceseofcleveland.org to

@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

Thank you for your support of the

28th Annual Walk for Disabilities

See the pictures on our website

www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability

Weekend Retreats!!!

Call
(216) 334-2963
to register

You can sign up now for the November 18-20 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.)

Fee is \$90.00
Send checks to:
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The remaining 2005 dates are: Nov. 18-20; Dec. 16-18

2006 dates: Jan. 20-22; Feb. 17-19; March 17-19; April 13-15; May 19-21; Sept. 15-17; Oct. 13-15; Nov. 17-19; Dec. 15-17

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**Programs continue at OLA/St. Joseph Center –
Complete our Online Survey**

at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability to help us shape the future of our Disability Center. Soon children with severe and profound levels of disabilities will receive educational and therapy services during the day at the center. Next we wish to begin after workshop and evening activities for adults with cognitive disabilities and other developmental disabilities. Please take five minutes to complete the survey regarding after workshop and evening activities. Your answers will help us shape the future of the OLA/St. Joseph Center...The Disability Center. At the end of the survey, you can press submit and it will be sent directly to our office. If you do not have access to the internet, please give us a call at 216-334-2963 and we will mail the survey to you. Thanks!

Supported Living, Joe Ungarsky Supported Living would like to welcome its two newest staff members: Ms Jill Richlovsky and Ms Tiffany Miller. Jill is a college graduate of Fordham University with years of experience working with folks with disabilities. Ms. Miller has years of experience in working with a variety of populations. We welcome both of them to our Catholic Charities Supported Living family.

The 28th Annual Walk for Disabilities was another success! We had absolutely beautiful weather and everyone enjoyed their walk through Tremont! We couldn't have done it without the leadership of Marilyn Scott, our Program Administrator. Marilyn has coordinated our walks for 14 years!!! Thanks also to St. Augustine Hunger Center for providing the wonderful lunch and to Jim Gepperth for providing the music! And thank you to all of our volunteers who set aside their morning to help make the Walk a success – especially members from the Christ Child Society and from the Diocese of Cleveland's Associate Board! Thanks Dick Russ for being our honorary chairperson and helping us with the raffle and leading the special walk! And a final thanks to those who came out and walked or made a donation! We truly appreciate your support! See pictures from the Walk on our website!

Saturday Classes, Marilyn Scott The Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP) has had a great start to the new year! We would like to welcome three new students – George, Crystal & Harry! We are planning field trips and guest speakers! And we are looking forward to learning many new things this year!

Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain, Jim Gepperth Our Family Center will be holding a dance for adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers on Friday evening November 18th. The dances are graciously sponsored by the Associate Board of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Foundation and have been a great hit in the Lorain area. Two more dances are scheduled after the holidays for 2006 – January 20th and March 31st. Dances start at 7:00 PM and end 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. Parking is available directly across the street from the center. Dancers enjoy great music, snacks, and prizes!

CYO & Community Services of Summit County, Tess Flannery We will be hosting Respite Programs for ages 13 and older on Nov. 5 at Weaver school in Tallmadge from 3-10:00 pm and on Nov. 19 at the CYO offices in Akron from 10 am to 10 pm. Sessions provide participants with opportunities for recreation, social interaction and physical activities. For information, contact Tess Flannery~330-762-2961 x 224.

Employment and Training-Supported Employment, Tom Mendelsohn & Kristal Kent We have kept busy in the last few months recruiting new referrals, researching potential job opportunities, and supporting job search efforts for fourteen (14) adults with special needs. Tom participated in the Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD's orientation training for their new employees, as well as employees of provider agencies. This gave Tom an opportunity to gain additional knowledge to

department in providing services to adults with MRDD. We are grateful for having had the opportunity to participate in this special staff training program. Congratulations to Kristal, who assisted one of her consumers in gaining a position at a local McDonalds Restaurant. She will continue providing job coaching for this individual.

We are ready to accept additional referrals. If you know of an individual who may benefit from our services, please contact us at 216-426-9870, x16 (Tom) or x21 (Kristal).

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 on the second Saturday of each month at St. Augustine Church's Walsh Hall from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. The next class is scheduled for November 12, 2005.

Lunch and refreshments are provided. If you would like to register your child or need transportation, or be part of this program in any way, please call the rectory at 216-781-5530.

The Journey to Bethlehem Celebration – Join us for the 21st Annual Journey to Bethlehem on Saturday, December 17, 2005 at 10:30 am at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St.). Bishop Roger Gries will be our celebrant.

The **2006 Dates for the Monthly Retreats** at St. Joseph Christian Life Center follow: January 20-22; February 17-19; March 17-19; April 13-15; May 19-21; September 15-17; October 13-15; November 17-19; and December 15-17. Please mark your calendars!

Community Information...Cuyahoga and Summit County voters to decide future of MR/DD services on November 8th. As we wrote in our last newsletter, November 8th offers all of our friends who live in Cuyahoga and Summit Counties a chance to advocate for persons with mr/dd.

In Cuyahoga County, Vote for Issue 7; which will continue the services for children and adults with mr/dd. The 3.9 mil renewal tax will be a continuing tax meaning that we can be assured that services will continue, without interruption, for persons with mr/dd. This is the only local support for the Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD

In Summit County, Vote for Issue 6; which will provide services for children and adults with mr/dd living in Summit County. This 4.5 replacement levy will replace the current levy which expires at the end of 2005. The current levy is 3.61 mills; the replacement levy will add an additional .89 mills.

These issues are important. Counties have a responsibility to provide for their citizens especially those with the greatest needs. Catholic Charities supports both of these issues and urges you to support them as well. Vote on Nov 8th!!!

Are you looking to volunteer??? There are many opportunities for persons with disabilities to participate in valuable service programs with other individuals in the community! The Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD's **EPICS** program is especially looking for volunteers to help in regards to the upcoming election on November 8. You could pass out literature, put up a yard sign or work a polling place. For more information, call 440-835-0364 and ask for Holly.

The Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities has posted a list of questions and answers regarding recent changes to the Waiver Program and how it is funded. Here is the website: www.odmrrd.state.oh.us/WaiverReimbursement/WaiverReimbursement.htm

The Arc of Ohio is your source of information and referral on topics related to mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. If you have a question about: IDEA and education issues, Housing and living supports, Community Support Services, Legislative activities, Waivers and other sources of funding, or other MR/DD questions, call (800) 875-2723 or e-mail them at info@thearcofohio.org