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The Walk of Hope is Coming on October 4!!!

September 2008

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31st Annual "Walk of Hope"

Saturday, October 4, 2008

Tour Historic Tremont

Learn about Tremont's history
 Learn about the new shops and restaurants

at
 OLA/St. Joseph Center in Tremont
 (2346 West 14th Street, Cleveland)

8:00am Registration / 9:00am Walk through Tremont
 Meet Local Celebrities at the following events:
 Raffle Drawing at 10:30 am
 Special Walk around Lincoln Park at 11:30 am

The Walk of Hope supports programs for persons with disabilities offered by Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries...

Call 216-334-2963 for pledge forms and for more information or email Marilyn at mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org or you can visit our website at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability

Meet New Friends!

Call Now for Information
 Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP)
 Saturdays, from September to May

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

At OLA/St. Joseph Center – 2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH 44113

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!

Call to set up an appointment to visit us!
 Contact Marilyn at 216-334-2963 or mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

~ Monthly Dances ~

Cost...\$3.00 for dancers (Staff are Free) **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

2346 West 14th St., Cleveland ~ 216-334-2963
 2nd Friday of the month (unless noted by *)

2008 Dates: October 10; November 14; December 12

Rose-Mary Center 7:30 – 10:00 pm

19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid ~ 216-481-4823
 4th Friday of the month (unless noted by *)

2008 Dates: September 26; October 24; *November 21 (3rd Friday); No Dance in December

Catholic Charities Family Center Lorain ~ 7 – 9:30 pm

203 W. 8th St., Lorain, OH 44052 ~ 440-244-9915
 2008 Dates: September 26; November 21

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Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries Newsletter
Celebrating 42 years...1966 to 2008

Fr. Christopher Schwartz is the New Abbot of Saint Andrew Abbey in Cleveland!

A good friend and supporter of Disability Services and Ministries, Fr. Christopher Schwartz, OSB was elected the sixth abbot of Saint Andrew Abbey. Abbot Christopher comes often to St Augustine Church to celebrate Eucharist with our community or persons with and without disabilities.

The new abbot assumes immediate jurisdiction as superior of the monastery and as chancellor of Benedictine High School. He was solemnly blessed as abbot by Bishop Lennon on August 29th at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Broadview Heights. Many people with disabilities were in attendance.

We wish Abbot Christopher all the best!!! Please remember him and his order in your prayers.

Congratulations Jim Gepperth We are sad to tell you that Jim Gepperth who has worked with Catholic Charities for over 20 years, 15 with Disability Services, has left Catholic Charities to pursue other opportunities. We wish him well in his new endeavors! While we are very happy for him, we will miss him! After all, Jim is one "Cool Bird" (one of Jim's favorite sayings)!!

Outreach Ministry Weekend Retreats Call us to learn more about this wonderful opportunity! Our new location at River's Edge on Rocky River Dr. has been a great success!! Everyone loves the facilities and the hospitality provided by the staff. The dates for 2008/2009 are: September 12-14; November 14-16; December 5-7; February 13-15; March 6-8; May 22-24. The cost is \$120. Call 216-334-2963 to register! Once registered, you can mail your check to: Disability Services, 7911 Detroit Rd., Cleveland, OH 44102.

Catholic Charities Summer Day Camps, Camp Happiness had a wonderful summer! The children enjoyed themselves and can't wait to come back next year! They visited the Zoo, the Cleveland Indians, Tower City, Lake Farm Park, and local community centers and pools! Field Day was on Wednesday, July 23. Although the weather did not quite cooperate, all 4 Camp Happiness sites came together for a day filled with games, a magician, and dancing. Thank you to the International Order of the Alhambra and to Sr. Corita and St. Augustine's for making this day possible! You can see pictures from Field Day on our website!

The three **CYO Day Camping** sites also enjoyed very successful and exciting activities this summer. Each site held a Family Fun Night, where parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and neighbors were invited to share a pot-luck dinner followed by participation in many of the favorite camp activities including archery, arts and crafts, nature hikes, games, and of course, camp songs!

Both Camp Happiness & CYO day camp were guided by a terrific team of counselors and site directors as they explored the beauty of nature around them, made new friends, and developed the core values of being a respectful, caring, and responsible person. We were very lucky to have such mature and dedicated people working for us. It was an incredibly fun and successful summer, and it would not have been possible without our amazing staff. Thank you to all camp staff!

The theme for our camps this summer was "Coming Together" and they surely accomplished that goal. Campers from CYO and Happiness had opportunities to play together and get to know each other. Many lasting friendships were made. Both camps were a memorable experience for everyone and we were sad to see it end, but look forward to our next summer together.

The Continuing Adult Education Program, Marilyn Scott Consider joining The Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP), which is now in its 20th year. 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! Classes meet on Saturdays from September through May. Students must provide their own transportation and tuition is \$88 a month with an additional one time material

fee of \$60. Space is available. Call to set up an appointment to visit us! Contact Marilyn at 216-334-2963 or mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

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 the 2nd Saturday of every month from 11am to 1pm. Next meeting is Saturday, October 11, 2008. 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). If you would like to register or need transportation, please call the rectory at 216-781-5530.

The **New Faith & Light Community** meets the first Friday of each month at 6pm at St Augustine Church. The next meeting will be Friday, October 3, 2008. Please join us. Call 216-781-5530.

SAVE THE DATE!!!! The 31st Annual Walk of Hope will be Saturday, October 4, 2008 at OLA/St. Joseph Center. Registration is at 8am and the Walk begins at 9am. There is a special Walk around Lincoln Park at 11:30am if you cannot make the earlier, longer walk. Or come to both!! There will be a raffle drawing at 10:30am. Join us for a fun day with music, prizes and food!

Celebrate the **24th Annual Journey to Bethlehem Mass** with us on Saturday, December 6. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Roger Gries at 10:30 am at OLA/St. Joseph Center. More information to come soon!

Community Information

Planting the Seeds for a Successful Future...2008 CCBMR/DD Seminar Series Fall 2008. Wednesdays, October 15th, 22nd and 29th from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Beachwood Adult Activities Center 23750 Mercantile Rd., Beachwood, Ohio 44122. Register by October 1.

John and Carol Culley, life planners serving people with disabilities and their families, are the workshop moderators, along with other experts in legal planning, residential options and person centered planning. To sign up, call (216) 736-2717. Enrollment costs \$50 per family to cover the printed materials that participants keep. Registration information is also on our website.

The Center for Mental Retardation (CMR) is facilitating the Partners in Policymaking® leadership training program between the months of January – May 2009. Partners in Policymaking® is an internationally recognized training series that is designed for adults with disabilities and for parents of children with disabilities.

Through participation in Partners in Policymaking®, individuals with developmental disabilities and parents of children with disabilities will become leaders. Partners is about creating, working towards, and achieving a vision of shared values about individuals with disabilities. Call early to apply for the 2009 class of Partners in Policymaking®. Please call at (216) 622-0755 or email gmitchner@cmr-cleveland.org for more information.

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Catholic Teachings & Practical Suggestions
www.catholicdisabilityteachings.com

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