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 Catholic Charities Disability Services
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40 Years of Service & Ministry to persons with disabilities ~ 1966 to 2006

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www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability

~ 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!!!

The group home or family must provide supervision if needed

Mark your Calendars...

2006/2007 Dance Dates...

OLA/St. Joseph Center 7 - 9:30 pm

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

2nd Friday of the month (unless noted by *)

2006 Dates: Nov 10; Dec 8

2007 Dates: January 12; February 9; March 9; April 13;

*May 4; June 8; **No Dance in July**; August 10; September 14; October 12; November 9; December 7

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

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

2006 Dates: Friday, November 17

2007 Dates to be announced soon!

Rose-Mary Center 7:30 - 10:00 pm

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

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

2006 Dates: *Nov 17; No December Dance

2007 Dates: January 26; February 23; March 23; April 27;

May 25; June 22; July 27; August 24; September 28;

October 26; *November 16; **No Dance in December**

You are Invited to the

**22nd Annual
 Journey to Bethlehem
 A Celebration Mass**

Celebrated by Bishop Roger Gries

Prayer, song, celebration and friendship
 For persons with developmental disabilities
 along with their families, friends, catechists, and
 advocates

on

Saturday, December 16, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.

at

OLA/St. Joseph Center
 2346 West 14th Street, Cleveland, Ohio

Liturg followed by a light luncheon

Sponsored by

*Disability Services and Ministries
 Catholic Charities Health & Human Services*

Ample parking is available
 OLA/St. Joseph Center is wheelchair accessible
 Sign language interpreters, Audio Description and
 Enhancement will be available

For more information please call 216-334-2963

Weekend Retreats!!!

Sign up now for the November 17-19 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.)

Call
 (216) 334-2963
 to register

Fee is \$90.00

Send checks to:
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Remaining 2006 dates: Dec. 15-17

2007 Dates: January 19-21; February 16-18; March 16-18; April 5-7 (Holy Week, Thursday to Saturday); May 18-20; September 21-23; October 19-21; November 16-18; December 14-16

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Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries Newsletter
Celebrating 40 years...1966 to 2006

Thank you for your participation in our 29th Annual **Walk for Disabilities**. It was a wonderful day and many people joined in the festivities. It has become a day of celebration of the talents and gifts that all persons bring to our Church. You can see pictures from the day of the Walk on our website – www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability

Saturday Classes, Marilyn Scott The Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP) or better known as the Saturday classes, has begun. We would like to welcome Michelle Lunn – our new teacher! She has jumped right in and is getting to know the students! We would also like to welcome four new students – Matt, Marty, Orlando and Mark! Mark has actually attended the CAEP before – so we welcome him back!

The CAEP is dedicated to meeting the continuing educational needs of adults with developmental disabilities. The CAEP is for adults, ages 21 and over, who have graduated from a high school D.H./M.H. or a County Board of MR/DD program. Students must provide their own transportation and tuition is \$88 a month with an additional \$55 one time material fee. Classes meet on Saturdays from mid September through May. If you are interested more info, call or email Marilyn for information – 216-334-2963 or mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

Monthly Dances Each month you have two options for monthly dances – OLA/St. Joseph Center and Rose-Mary Center! There is a 3rd location 3-4 times a year at the Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain! Look on the front for dance dates, times and locations!

Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain, Jim Gepperth Our next "Friendship Connections" dance happens on Friday, November 17th. The dance starts at 7:00 PM and ends 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. Enjoy great music, snacks, and maybe even win a prize!

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 Nov. 11. 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 your child 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 November 6th. Please join us. Call 216-781-5530 for info.

From Zenit News Agency, Oct. 15, 2006. Pope Benedict XVI canonized Italian Father Filippo Smaldone, known as the apostle of those who can't hear or speak. The canonization Mass could be followed in sign language on large screens in St. Peter's Square. Full article at www.zenit.org

Community Information...

Preston's Hope Preston's Hope is a playground that is free to the public and fully accessible for people with disabilities. The 60,000 square foot outdoor play facility features playable areas for children with a wide variety of disabilities. The facility is available to children of all ages, religious, ethnic or racial backgrounds. It is located on the grounds of The Mandel Jewish Community Center at 26001 South Woodland Rd., Beachwood, Ohio 44122. You can view the playground and learn more about how it came to be at www.prestonshope.com.

EPICS Volunteer opportunities through the Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD. The mission of EPICS is to create partnerships where citizens with mental retardation and developmental disabilities can participate in valuable service projects with other individuals from the community. Call Holly Grady for information about upcoming events - 440-835-0364.

New Resource Guide for Parents who are Blind or Partially Sighted. Through the Looking Glass and its National Resource Center for Parents with Disabilities has released the first

comprehensive resource guide for parents who are blind or partially sighted. The new guide called "Hands-On Parenting: A Resource Guide for Parents who are Blind or Partially Sighted" provides a wide range of practical information, adaptations and resources for parents who are blind or partially sighted.

The Guide is currently available in regular print, Large Print or CD-ROM. This Resource Guide can be ordered from Through the Looking Glass for \$40 (includes 2666 or go to the web site shipping/handling for orders in the U.S.). To order, call 1-800-644-2666 or go to the website at: <http://www.lookingglass.org>

New guide informs parents on what they need to know about the IDEA and NCLB legislations Two of the nation's most important federal laws relating to the education of children - The No Child Left Behind Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - have taken on new importance to parents of students with disabilities. Now "NCLB and IDEA: What Parents of Students with Disabilities Need to Know and Do" explains to parents what the requirements are of the two laws, and how they work together to improve academic achievement of students with disabilities. The report is published by the National Center on Educational Outcomes. Visit this website to download the guide: <http://education.umn.edu/nceo/OnlinePubs/Parents.pdf>

Helen Keller: A Tribute to Her Teacher In recognition of the Cleveland Sight Center's Centennial Anniversary, Dancing Wheels will premiere a never-before-seen adaptation of the compelling and inspirational story of Helen Keller and her beloved teacher and friend, Ann Sullivan.. The full-length production, choreographed by notable choreographer Christopher Fleming, will premiere November 18-20, 2006 at Cuyahoga Community College, Eastern Campus, Highland Hills, Ohio.

To purchase tickets call 216-432-0306 or for more information Dancing Wheels please visit their web site at www.dancingwheels.org

Toddlers with hearing loss needed for a national study. Researchers at The Ohio State University, funded by the National Institutes of Health, are conducting a national study to determine the best ways to help infants and toddlers diagnosed with permanent hearing loss. Through a grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communicative Disorders a team has been collecting data at sites throughout the United States from 150 children with hearing loss and 50 children with normal hearing born between August 2002 and June 2004. The tests are simple, non-invasive and fun. The parents and children who participate in the study will be required to spend two hours every six months and will be paid \$50 for each session. They still need more participants for this national study. For more information, contact the Early Development of Children with Hearing Loss research project, toll-free (800) 678-6254.

Go Direct Enrolling people in direct deposit has been a longstanding effort by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Go Direct is a campaign that encourages direct deposit as the best way to receive Social Security and Supplemental Security Income payments. Call 952-346-6055 or visit www.GoDirect.org for more info.

The **Center for Mental Retardation** will present two seminars at the Independence Civic Center (6363 Selig Blvd, Independence, OH). You can call CMR at 216-341-5488 to register for both. The first is "Financial Planning For The Future of Your Child or Dependent with Special Needs" Important issues to be discussed are Government Benefit Eligibility, Guardianship and Conservatorship / Letter of Intent, Financial Security and Funding Options and Special Needs Trusts. This workshop will be presented by MetDESK® Specialists Dave Boyle, CFP & Ed Bosse, CFP, MetLife's Division of Estate Planning for Special Kids. The date of this seminar is Wed., Nov. 8, at 6:30 pm. The presentation will run approx. 60 minutes.

The second seminar called "Residential Options" will be on Thurs., Nov. 16th, from 6:30pm- 8:00pm. Refreshments will be provided. Learn about different living environments available in Cuyahoga County for individuals with developmental disabilities. Review the variety of residential providers in Cuyahoga County.