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Upcoming Events

February 13

Dance @ OLA/St. Joseph

Welcome to our February edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter. Even though we are in the midst of winter, here in the office we've begun to plan for summer camp. Always a good feeling to think of the warm summertime!

Remember to check our [website](#) for more information about Disability Services & Ministries and be sure to click on "[News & Events](#)" for more upcoming events. And don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook and "Follow" us on Twitter.

God Bless You!

Catholic Summer Programs

Camp Happiness is a 6 week day camp for children ages 5-21 with



cognitive and other developmental disabilities. It runs from June 22 to July 31, Monday-Friday, 9:30am to 3pm.

Sites are located in Lakewood, Parma, and Wickliffe.

Campers enjoy a

variety of activities, such as swimming, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games and community field trips.



Camp Happiness is featured in this year's Catholic Charities Annual Appeal [video](#)!

Extended School Year / Waiver Certified / Financial Assistance

February 21

Summer and Beyond Fair

February 27

Dance @ Rose-Mary Center

March

DD Awareness Month

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Augustine Rainbow Camp is a 5-week camp in an inclusive setting at St. Augustine Church in Cleveland for children ages 5-13. Rainbow Camp includes children with many disabilities; including those who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind & those with mild developmental disabilities. Call for

information - 216-781-5530.

Rose-Mary Center is an 8 week camp at OLA/St. Joseph Center for children with severe/profound levels of disabilities ages 6 - 21. Call for information - 216-481-4823.

Catholic Charities, Summit Co. - residential & day camp for persons with developmental disabilities. Inclusive programs also offered. Call for information - 1-800-CYO-CAMP; 1-330-376-2267 or visit their [website](#).

Work at Camp Happiness!

Are you looking for a fun and rewarding summer job? Camp Happiness is looking to hire Counselors, Head Counselors and Site Directors at three locations - Wickliffe, Parma & Lakewood. Apply [online](#) after February 23, call 216-334-2963 or [email Marilyn](#).



March is DD Awareness Month "Can Do Like You"

March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Though we celebrate people with disabilities all year long, we are encouraged to spread awareness during the month of March.

Ohio Public Images and the Public Images Network

were organized to help create positive images of people with developmental disabilities. This year's theme "Can Do Like You" encourages us to focus on the talents and abilities of people and how they make a difference in our community. Check out



[Public Images Network](#) to learn how you can spread awareness.

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Summer & Beyond Fair

On Saturday, February 21, 2015, the ESC of Cuyahoga County is hosting the 17th Annual Summer and Beyond Fair. Visit and talk to representatives from camps and organizations from around Ohio. FREE fingerprinting ID cards will be available. Browse information tables. Pick up a copy of the "2015 Summer and Beyond Directory".

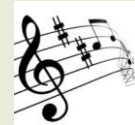
This is a great event to learn about all of the different programs available for persons with disabilities in Cuyahoga County. Disability Services will have a table with information about Camp Happiness.

The fair will be held on Feb. 21 from 10am to 1pm at the ESC of Cuyahoga County - 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence, OH. For information, call Terri McIntee at 216-446-3810.

Upcoming Dances...

Tonight - Friday the 13th at OLA/St. Joseph Ctr

Friday, February 27 at Rose-Mary Center



Info You Need

Age - Adults, 16 & Over, with disabilities

Location - OLA/St. Joseph Center, 2346 W. 14th, Cleveland

Time - 7pm to 9pm

Cost - \$3 for dancers / Staff & Caregivers are Free

Everyone receives pop and chips

***Bring your ID or wear a name-tag with your first name and phone number

***Group home staff and caregivers must provide supervision

[2015 Dance Schedule](#)

Call 216-334-2963 or [Email Marilyn](#) for questions

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal 2015

We have been honored to once again be a part of the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. We are so proud of our programs and ministries, but to have them recognized by others makes you feel even better. This year's annual appeal video features the Meyers family from our Camp Happiness Parma site. Nick is a

camper and loves being able to go to camp and come home dirty and muddy, just like any other camper. You can read Nick's story [here](#).

Open Your **HEART** to live **joyfully** and **generously** - take 6 minutes to watch this inspirational video to see the work that not only Disability Services does, but all of Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese of Cleveland. Then consider making a donation to the [annual appeal](#).



2015 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal - "Open Your Heart"



1990-2015 25 Years of the ADA

This year, we as a nation celebrate **25 years of the Americans with Disabilities Act**. Find out how you can celebrate right here in Cleveland! Check them out on [Facebook](#).

ADA 25 Cleveland seeks to **CELEBRATE** through remembrance of the ongoing legacy of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; to **LEAD** in ensuring access, increasing awareness, promoting independence and providing opportunity; and to **ENGAGE** our community as advocates for positive change.

ADA 25 Cleveland is organizing, implementing, and promoting a number of community events aimed at increasing awareness and engaging in a celebration of the civil rights of individuals with disabilities. The culminating event, to be held on 22 July 2015 at Wade Oval in Cleveland, Ohio, is a public celebration and reaffirmation of the 25th anniversary of the signing of the ADA. #ADA25CLE

Beatitudes for Persons with Special Needs

People have asked us to share this beautiful prayer called the "Beatitudes for Persons with Special Needs." The version we use has been used by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland, Disability Services & Ministries, for over 25 years. The original date and publishing information is unknown. A possible author may be Andre Masse, C.S.E. (NAMR Quarterly, 1968). The wording is different, but Masse's is the earliest version that we have found.

You'll find it below but you can also find a print ready version on our [website](#).

BEATITUDES FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

BLESSED ARE YOU who take time to listen to difficult speech, for you help us to know that if we persevere we can be understood.

BLESSED ARE YOU who walk with us in public places, and ignore the stares of strangers, for in your friendship we feel good to be ourselves.

BLESSED ARE YOU who never bid us to "hurry up" and, more blessed, you who do not snatch our tasks from our hands to do them for us, for often we need time rather than help.

BLESSED ARE YOU who stand beside us as we enter new and untried ventures, for our unsureness will be outweighed by the times when we surprise ourselves and you.

BLESSED ARE YOU who ask for our help and realize our giftedness for our greatest need is to be needed.

BLESSED ARE YOU who help us with the graciousness of Christ, for often we need the help we cannot ask for.

BLESSED ARE YOU when, by all things, you assure us that what makes us individuals is not our particular disability or difficulty but our beautiful God-given personhood which no handicapping condition can confine.

REJOICE AND BE EXCEEDINGLY GLAD for your understanding and love have opened doors for us to enjoy life to its full and you have helped us believe in ourselves as valued and gifted people.

Sincerely,

Dennis McNulty & Marilyn Scott

Catholic Charities Disability Services