Catholic Diocese of Cleveland
Disability Services
1404 East Ninth Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

March 2013

***Sign Up Now for Catholic Summer Programs***
Visit our website at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/disability

Camp Happiness is a 7 week day camp program for children to young adults ages 5-21 with cognitive and other developmental disabilities. It runs from June 17 to August 2, 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.

Call 216-334-2963 or email mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org for information

Augustine Rainbow Camp is a 5-week program in an inclusive setting at St. Augustine Church in the Tremont neighborhood of Cleveland for campers ages 5 to 13 who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind or who have mild cognitive and developmental disabilities. This program is open to children with & without disabilities. It runs from June 24 – July 26, Monday-Friday, 10am to 3pm.

Call 216-781-5530 for information

Catholic Charities in Summit County offers both residential (Christopher Discovery Camp) and day camp (SumFun) for persons with developmental disabilities. Some individuals who are higher functioning are integrated into the regular camp program. 1-800-CYO-CAMP or 1-330-376-2267 or visit www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/summit/campchristopher

RoseMary Center is an 8 week day camp program for children and young adults ages 6-21 with severe and profound disabilities. It runs from June 17 – August 9. RoseMary Center Camp is located at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH)

Call 216-481-4823 x105 for information

Meet New Friends! Learn New Things!

Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP)
Call us to learn how you can join us for classes
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 & over. Students have the opportunity to learn new things & meet new friends!

For information contact Marilyn at 216-334-2963 or Email Marilyn at mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

~ Monthly Dances ~

Ages...16 and over

**ID...All dancers must carry their ID with them or wear a nametag with their first name and last name. It will help keep the line shorter!!**

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OLa/St. Joseph Center 7 - 9:00 pm
Cost...$3.00 for dancers (Staff are Free)
216-334-2963
2nd Friday of the month (unless noted by *)
2013 Dates: Apr. 12; May 10; June 14; No Dance in July or August; Sept. 13; Oct. 11; Nov. 8; Dec. 13

RoseMary Center 7:30 – 10:00 pm
Cost...$5.00 (Staff Free but pay $1 for snacks)
19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid – 216-481-4823
4th Friday of the month (unless noted by *)
2013 Dates: Mar. 22; Apr. 26; May 24; June 28; July 26; Aug. 23; Sept. 27; Oct. 25; Nov. 15; No Dance in Dec.

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Dennis McNulty on Living Right with Dr. Ray

On Friday & Saturday, March 22 & 23, Dennis McNulty, Director of Catholic Charities Disability Services, appeared on the Living Right with Dr. Ray Show on EWTN (The Global Catholic Network). Dr. Ray interviewed Dennis on September 30, 2012. It went so well that Dr Ray invited Dennis to do a second show! The second show features Grace Bertolino, a member of the Catholic Blind Community and has not been scheduled yet. We will let you know if the first show airs again.

Living Right with Dr. Ray is a hit TV program on the Global Catholic Television network, EWTN. The one-hour show is seen 3 times per week and features Catholic clinical psychologist Dr. Ray Guarenfi (of Canton, Ohio), author, Catholic radio host, and father of 10 adopted children. Dr. Ray’s popular show reaches a potential audience of 148,000,000 people in 140 countries! Dr. Ray interacts with a live studio audience to answer their questions about daily life, and gives advice on everything from raising children, to dealing with difficult family situations, to how our Catholic faith can help inform our decisions day-to-day.

Thank you to the International Order of the Alhambra

Have you heard of the International Order of the Alhambra? You should get to know them because they have helped fund many of our programs for many years! One example is our Camp Happiness summer program. They have helped children with disabilities attend since 1966!

Catholic Charities Disability Services would like to thank the Carmona Caravan and the Tai Caravan of the International Order of the Alhambra for their very generous recent donation to Camp Happiness. Their donation will be used to assist children with disabilities to attend Camp Happiness. Many of our participants come from families below the poverty level. If we did not receive this type of support, many of these children would not be able to attend camp. The caring the Alhambra shows has always been a great example of the Christian spirit of generosity and true charity. We are blessed to have them in our lives.

St. Dominic visits Warrensville Developmental Center

Fr. Tom Fanta and parishioners from St. Dominic Church have developed a ministry for persons with cognitive disabilities at the Warrensville Developmental Center. For over a year now, on the first Tuesday of the month, they join residents for Mass. In March, they had 30 parish volunteers and more than 50 residents participate! Mass begins at 6:30, followed by a snack and a craft. Fr. Tom says “It has been an amazing experience for my parishioners and much good work is being done. The care-givers tell me that they look forward to our group because we don’t ‘push our church’ but rather show the face of Jesus by spending time with the residents.”

It is wonderful to see such great dedication to persons with disabilities coming from a parish ministry. Thank you Fr. Tom for showing such great leadership in this area. If this is something your parish would be interested in, contact us at 216-334-2962. If your parish is actively involved in providing a ministry to persons with disabilities, tell us about it! We would be happy to share your story! Parishes often find inspiration from what other parishes are doing.

Congratulations to Dick Russ

Congratulations to our friend Dick Russ who recently retired from his position at Channel 3 News and has taken on a great new career! We are happy to tell you that he is the new Vice President of North Coast Community Homes. As many of you know, NCCH has been a pioneer in the development of group homes for persons with cognitive disabilities and for persons with mental illness. We are sorry not to see his face on the news but really happy for this new opportunity for him. Dick has always been a great advocate for persons with disabilities for years. He not only has been supportive of our work, but has given countless hours volunteering for many organizations that serve persons with disabilities. You’ve seen him at the Walk of Hope, but did you also know that he has received numerous awards and honors not just locally but on the state level! We are proud to call Dick Russ our friend! Thank you Dick!

Dennis McNulty presents in Washington DC

On March 2, Dennis McNulty & Marilyn Scott went to Washington, DC, for the Archdiocese of Washington’s 5th Annual Conference on Faith, Deafness & Disabilities at the Catholic University of America. Dennis presented a workshop entitled “Adult Faith Formation for Persons with IDD”. There were people with disabilities, their parents, advocates, teachers, and others among the participants. It was a very diverse group and a very successful workshop!

During their stay, they had the opportunity to visit the Kennedy Institute run by Catholic Charities, which provides numerous services for persons with cognitive disabilities and they visited the National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities (NCPD). Many thanks to Mary O’Meara, Peg Kolm from the Archdiocese of Washington; Jan Benton and her husband Martin from NCPD; and Bonnie Oettinger and her staff at the Kennedy Institute. It was great to experience the wonderful ministries to and with persons with disabilities that are taking place in our nation’s Capital!

April is National Autism Awareness Month and April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day! In order to highlight the growing need for awareness about autism, the Autism Society has been celebrating National Autism Awareness Month since the 1970s. The United States recognizes April as a special opportunity to educate the public about autism. Visit www.autism-society.org or www.autismspeaks.org for more information.

The Beatitudes Faith Formation Program is designed to provide a nurturing and prayerful environment for children with special needs 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 & 4th Saturdays of every month from 11am to 1pm. 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). Call 216-781-5530 to join!

The New Faith & Light Community

meets the first Friday of each month at 5:30pm at St Augustine Church (2486 W. 14th St. in Cleveland’s Tremont neighborhood). Call 216-781-5530 to join!

May You Have a

Glorious Easter!

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