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Welcome to our April edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter. Welcome to Spring!! It is also Autism Awareness Month - how are you raising awareness?!!!

Remember to check our website for more information 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.

Have a Blessed Easter!

April is Autism Awareness Month

Join the Autism Society in celebration for 2015 National Autism Awareness Month! National Autism Awareness Month represents an excellent opportunity to promote autism awareness, autism acceptance and to draw attention to the tens of thousands facing an autism diagnosis each year. To learn how you can celebrate and raise awareness, go to the Autism Society's website.

April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day

Light It Up Blue on April 2 for World Autism Awareness Day. Each April 2, Autism Speaks celebrates Light It Up Blue along with the international autism community, in commemoration of
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How many different ways can you Light It Up Blue? Wear blue, decorate in blue, light up your home or office in blue... Take pictures and remember to tag them with #LIUB on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Google+

Congratulations Pearl Cahoon!!

Pearl Cahoon, a longtime friend, past employee and disability advocate was honored at a Faith & Light meeting Nov. 8th in Washington, DC. She gave a talk along with Marie Helene Matthieu, from France. Marie Helene is Jean Vanier's partner in starting Faith & Light all over the world.

Pearl talked of her early days with Disability Services - then known as the "Apostolate for the Retarded". She talks of being grateful for her work and the people she has met - but we are grateful for Pearl and consider ourselves lucky to know her!

Here is the video of her talk if you would like to listen to Pearl's inspirational history!

Faith and Light's "Never Again Alone" USA Book Launch (3): Video on Book and Welcome to Author
Work at Camp Happiness!

Camp Happiness is accepting applications for counselors at our Lakewood location! If you are in college with a special education or related major or if you are a teacher looking for the perfect job this summer - consider Camp Happiness!!

What is Camp Happiness?? Camp Happiness is a summer program for kids ages 5-21 with cognitive and other developmental disabilities. Click here for our brochure to learn more.

So if or someone you know is looking for a fun and rewarding summer job, consider being a Counselor at our Lakewood locations. Apply online, call 216-334-2963 or email Marilyn.

Camp Happiness

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.

Extended School Year / Waiver Certified / Financial Assistance Available

Call 216-334-2963; email Marilyn or visit our website for registration information!
Thank You Well Done Catering

Last month’s Brie the Change was a great success! Well Done Catering hosted a wonderful dinner for our Saturday program for adults with disabilities. Thank you to Well Done Catering and to all who joined us and made a donation to Disability Services!! We are very grateful!

Upcoming Dances...

Friday, April 10 at OLA/St. Joseph Ctr
Friday, April 24 at Rose-Mary Center

Info You Need
Age - Adults, 16 & Over, with disabilities
Location - OLA/St. Joseph Center, 2346 W. 14th, Cleveland 44113
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
Happy Easter

We wish you and your family a very Happy and Blessed Easter!

Sincerely,

Dennis McNulty & Marilyn Scott
Catholic Charities Disability Services