Greetings!

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.

**St. Patrick's Day Dance!! Friday, March 11**

**Friday, March 11 - Wear your Green!! It's our St. Patrick's Day Dance!!**

Have you been looking for something fun to do on a Friday evening? Do you like dancing to music? Do you like meeting new friends?

The monthly dances at OLA/St. Joseph Center may be just the thing you are looking for!! Come and try it out...you will not regret it!

The dances are for adults ages 16 and over with disabilities. For only $3 you get a pop and a bag of chips AND two hours of entertainment! We also have a dance contest where you can win different prizes each month! It is held the 2nd Friday of the month from 7-9pm at OLA/St. Joseph Center, 2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH 44113 - in Tremont!
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Check out our flyer for 2016 Dates!

Due to weather, there are times we have to cancel - for last minute updates call 216-334-2963 or 2962 - we will change our voice mail; email Marilyn or Dennis; or check our website.

It's Time to Think about Summer!!!

Sign up for Catholic Camping!

Camp Happiness is a 6 week day camp for children ages 5-21 with cognitive and other developmental disabilities. It runs from June 20 to July 29, 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

Call 216-334-2963; email Marilyn or visit our website.

Click here for our brochure to learn more.

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 info - 216-781-5530.

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, email or visit their website.

Work at Camp Happiness!

Who’s ready to think about Summer?!?! I know we are!
Camp Happiness is accepting applications for Counselors and Nurses! If you are in college with a special education or related major...If you are a teacher looking for the perfect job this summer...or if you are a Nurse looking for a few extra hours a week - consider Camp Happiness!!

What is Camp Happiness?? Camp Happiness is a six-week summer program for children and young adults, ages 5-21, with cognitive and other developmental disabilities. Camp is from June 20 - July 29, with one week of orientation prior to camp.

Our staff make sure that the campers have a fun and adventurous summer, with field trips, swimming, arts & crafts and lots of singing! If you or someone you know is looking for a fun and rewarding summer job, consider being a Counselor or Nurse at one of our three locations - Wickliffe, Parma & Lakewood. Apply online (look for Camp Happiness), call 216-334-2963 / email Marilyn or call 216-334-2964 / email Kathy.

St. Mary's Seminarian Matt Jordan

Catholic Charities is in its 2nd year in partnering with St. Mary's Seminary to aid in the formation of a young seminarian. Every year, seminarians in their 4th year of study, participate in what is called "social & ecumenical ministry". Over two 15-week semesters, seminarians are assigned to one of our Catholic Charities offices for 3-hours a week to work with populations in and outside of the church to aid in their pastoral care formation.

Disability Services & Ministries has been lucky to have Matt Jordan with us since the Fall of 2015. Matt has been assigned to many different programs and ministries. He has really got to know the participants in our Continuing Adult Education & Social Program on Saturdays! On a recent Saturday, he & our Director, Dennis McNulty, were asked to fill in while the teachers had a training.

Matt & Dennis led art class in the afternoon!!
Unfortunately, we didn't get any pictures of Dennis leading this art class, but we did get some of Matt!

Matt also recently led a discussion with the CAEP participants on the Jubilee Year of Mercy. They talked about what it means to be merciful, ways that they can be merciful and how they can help others. Thanks for being with us Matt!!

What's Your Story? March is Developmental Disabilities (DD) Awareness Month

Every year we celebrate DD Awareness during the month of March. How will you choose to bring awareness this year?

Ohio Public Images 2016 awareness campaign is “What's Your Story?” and is designed to capture the interests, abilities and personalities of those we support. Through each story, we can educate the community on how we are all connected.

Even though March is designated DD Awareness Month, we celebrate persons with disabilities all year long! Each of us has a story worth telling - check out our stories! Some stories are funny, some are serious and some are a mixture...but each is a story worth telling!

#DDAwareness #WhatsYourStory #MYSTORY
Celebrating 50 Years of Disability Services

We continue to celebrate 50 Years of providing programs for persons with disabilities. All of the stories we share throughout the year will be collected in one place on our website in an ongoing blog.

Please send your stories & pictures to Marilyn Scott with "50 Years" in the subject field. Share them on our Facebook or Twitter pages using #DisabilityServices50years

Program Director Marilyn Scott - 24 years of hair cuts
Marilyn Scott started at Catholic Charities Disability Services right out of college in 1992. Beginning as Secretary, she helped organize the department. As time went on, she developed more and more skills and now is the Program Director for our services. What would the dances or the Saturday Adult Ed Program or even the Camp, for that matter, be without Marilyn Scott?!

The following are just two of the pictures of Marilyn through the last 24 years...there are even some where she is actually working! Even though those are rare! Look for the rest on the 50th Anniversary Page blog!

#DisabilityServices50years

March 15 Primary Election
Wayne County Ballot Issue
The Catholic Commission of Wayne, Ashland, Medina (WAM) Advisory Committee has passed a resolution supporting passage of Wayne County Board of Developmental Disabilities 1 Mill/5-Year levy on the March 15, 2016 ballot. Citing US Catholic Bishops statements on the common good and protecting the vulnerable among us, the Catholic Commission views this funding as vital for serving Wayne County’s disabilities community. The Catholic Commission encourages your prayerful consideration of this levy, the first new WCBDD millage requested since 1999. For questions, click here or contact the Catholic Commission at (330) 263-6176.
Cuyahoga County Issue 23
Issue 23 in Cuyahoga County is a proposed tax levy renewal supporting health and human services. Please urge your friends and family to vote yes for this tax renewal. It will supplement appropriations for health and social services for the elderly and families in need or in crisis. A yes vote will renew the 4.8 tax levy for eight years. This renewal levy was last approved in 2008 and 2012. Click here for more information.

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT...
Upcoming Camp Fair
Connecting For Kids Meet & Greet
Thursday, April 14, 2016
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Don Umerley Civic Center
21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River

Camp Happiness will be there - Stop by and say Hello!
Click for more info

Sincerely,
Dennis McNulty & Marilyn Scott
Catholic Charities Disability Services