Greetings!
Welcome to the August edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter. In just two months is the 39th Annual Walk of Hope - Saturday, October 1.

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.

Save the Date!!

The 39th Annual Walk of Hope is Saturday, October 1, 2016

Click here for a flyer

Adult Education & Social Program begins Saturday, September 17

This program has changed and grown over the years! What started as a educational only program has grown into so much more! We are still dedicated to assisting adults with disabilities in reaching their fullest potential and we still have a focus on continuing their education, but we also focus on socialization skills and community outings.

What do we do each Saturday??
We meet as a group in the morning to chat about our week. We then break into groups for math, reading and current events. After a lunch break we continue with art projects, computers, exercise and a fun-filled afternoon. The group has been known to walk down the hill to the Cleveland Animal Protective League to check in on the puppies and kitties! They will walk to Lincoln Park in Tremont.
Where do some of our Community Outings take us?

Community Outings include places like Mitchell’s Ice Cream, the Crawford Auto & Aviation Museum, the House of Blues, Bob Evans, Cleveland Public Library, Tremont Arts Festival, Bowling, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and much more!

Who can join?

Adults with cognitive disabilities, ages 21 and over.

How Long and How Much?  The program begins Saturday, Sept. 17 and goes until Saturday, May 20 - with time off for Holidays.  The cost is $88 per month, plus a one time $60 materials fee.  This program is Waiver approved.

Contact Us!

If this sounds like a program you may be interested in, give us a call or send us an email!  We’d love to tell you more about this educational, yet fun social program! Call Marilyn at 216-334-2963 or Dennis at 216-334-2962 or email Marilyn or Dennis

Next Dance is September 9!

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 young adults and adults, ages 16 and over, with and without disabilities.  All dancers pay $3 - Staff/Caregivers are Free.  Everyone gets a pop, 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!

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.

Dance at OLA/St. Joseph Center Survey

We would really like your opinion on our dances.
Do you attend the dances at OLA/St. Joseph Center??
We are considering changing the dances from the 2nd Friday of the month to the 3rd Friday of the month because of "Walk About Tremont" and parking issues.

We want your input!!
Help us to improve these dances by taking this very short survey

This survey will be available until Monday, August 1 - please share with others who attend the dances as well. Thank You!

Disability & Deaf Ministry in Erie

Congrats to our friends at the Disability & Deaf Ministry of Catholic Charities, Diocese Erie, PA, on their 30th Anniversary!
They had a mass on celebration on Sunday, July 24th. What a wonderful accomplishment!

Faith & Light Pilgrimage of Mercy

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8, 2016 from 10am to 4pm
THE NATIONAL SHRINE OUR LADY of LOURDES
21281 Chardon Rd., Euclid, OH

All people of the Diocese of Cleveland are invited to attend this one day Pilgrimage to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. At the heart of this Pilgrimage will be people with disabilities and their families and friends, as we all pray for a more inclusive Church. Join with us as we cross over the threshold of the Holy Door and Celebrate this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

RESERVATIONS are NECESSARY
Groups and/or Individuals Call or Email Brian at 216-338-4260
Click here for a brochure

Camp Happiness Success!

Camp Happiness has just completed its 50th summer!! 50 years is a long time and all of our campers and families and staff should be proud of what a wonderful summer this was!

Our new site at St. Leo's in Cleveland was great. They welcomed us with
Camp Coordinators Kathy & Rose

Kathy & Rose decorated Dennis McNulty's office!

open arms. Our other sites at St. Luke's in Lakewood and at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe were great too! We are very lucky to have such welcoming locations. We also enjoyed being at the Brooklyn Recreation Center &

Foster Pool at Lakewood Park for swimming!

We asked our families to complete a short survey and some of the things they mentioned they enjoyed were swimming, field trips and all the fun-filled activities, art projects and much more! They mentioned that their campers truly enjoyed this summer, meeting new friends and they loved our counselors! Great job everyone!!

Thank you to our campers, families and staff for a wonderful summer so far!

Celebrating 50 Years of Disability Services

Do you have stories to tell?!

Throughout 2016, we will celebrate 50 Years of providing programs for persons with disabilities. All of the stories we share will be collected in one place on our website in an ongoing blog.

But we need your stories to tell!! Send your stories & pictures to Marilyn Scott with "50 Years" in the subject field. Share them on our Facebook or Twitter pages using #DisabilityServices50years

Sincerely,

Dennis McNulty & Marilyn Scott
Catholic Charities Disability Services