Greetings!

Welcome to the October edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter. What started as a short E-News turned into an info-packed E-News! October is a month of Awareness - Down Syndrome, Respect Life and Disability Employment!

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.

National Down Syndrome Awareness Month

October is National Down Syndrome Awareness Month - learn more on The Upside of Downs website or by visiting GiGi's Playhouse.

Respect Life Month

October is also Respect Life Month - learn more on The Office for Human Life website.

National Disability Employment Month

October is also National Disability Employment Month.

Workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a vital part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy. The Cuyahoga County Board of DD is recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month this October to raise awareness about
disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities.

Visit CCBDD’s [website](#) to hear William and Christian share the importance of celebrating the talents of people with disabilities in the workplace.

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**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

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**Walk of Hope**

Our 39th Annual Walk of Hope was Saturday, October 1. And what a great Walk it was! The weather held out and the walkers were able to stay dry! Thank you to all of our participants, volunteers, walkers and donors. And thank you to St. Augustine Church for providing lunch! We couldn’t have the success we do without all of you!

Thank you also to our Walk of Hope Sponsors:

**Beacon of Hope Level**

Gabriel’s Gift

Building Church Welcoming All Ministry

There is still time to [Donate Online](#) (Event has ended but you can still donate by clicking on "Details") or mail a check to "Disability Services"
Next Dance is October 14!

Put your dancing shoes on for October 14th!

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 currently held on 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.

Are You Registered to Vote???

October 11th is the last day to register to vote.

Encourage people to check their status at the OHIO VOTER REGISTRATION WEBSITE

CCBDD Provider Fair - October 15

The Provider Fair is a great way to learn about services available for persons with developmental disabilities.

A variety of topics will be covered:
- Role of the Support Administrator
- Choosing a Provider
- Learning about the Provider Search Tool and DBP Guide
- Preparing to Move
- Using the ABID waiver and creative housing options
- Overview of Medicaid and Savings & Investment Accounts
- Learning about Medicaid waivers and SSI/SSDI accounts
- Ohio's Employment First Initiative
- Supporting Resources
- Learn how Funding is prioritized and distributed

Holiday Inn - Cleveland South
6001 Rockside Road
Independence, OH

Transportation will be offered from east and west side locations. Call the Transportation Reservation Line, (216) 991-7455, by October 10th to reserve a spot.

East Side Pick Up Locations
- Parma Adult Activities Center, 22900 Parma Rd
- Streetman Adult Activities Center, 32850 Pearl Rd
- Pick up time: 9:30am
- Departure time from Fair: 2:00pm

West Side Pick Up Locations
- Rocky River Adult Activities Center, 26140 Detroit Rd
- Parma Adult Activities Center, 32850 Pearl Rd
- Pick up time: 9:30am
- Departure time from Fair: 2:00pm

For additional Provider Fair information, call (216) 562-3778.

Learn More
Catholic Blind Dinner Dance

The annual Catholic Blind Dinner Dance will take place on October 9th from 2 pm until 6 pm at Mylott Hall at St Augustine Church, 2486 West 14th in Cleveland. Tickets are only 20 dollars!

The proceeds will assist the Catholic Blind Association and the St. Augustine Hunger Center. Blind or sighted persons are welcome!

Call St Augustine Church to make reservations – 216-781-5530.

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

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Journey to Bethlehem
Dec. 3, 2016 - 11:00am

Journey to Bethlehem Flyer

Sincerely,

Dennis McNulty & Marilyn Scott
Catholic Charities Disability Services