Greetings!
Welcome to the February edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter.

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.

Camp Happiness Summer 2017

We are excited for another fun-filled summer for those who attend and work at Camp Happiness! There are two locations this summer - St. Leo the Great in Cleveland (Old Brooklyn area) and Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe.

Camp Happiness is a six-week summer day camp for children and young adults, ages 5-21, with cognitive disabilities.

Camp Happiness is from June 19 to July 28, 2017. You can sign up for 1-6 weeks at Camp Happiness. The weekly cost is $350 and there are many options for payment and assistance. Camp Happiness is a Waiver provider under Community Respite.

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 are interested in learning more, come see us at one of the upcoming camp fairs (see below) or check our website.

Registration and job applications will be available on our website at the beginning of March.

Summer & Beyond Camp Fair
Saturday, February 18 from 10am to 1pm

Visit Camp Happiness this Saturday at the 19th Annual Summer & Beyond Fair for Children and Youth with Disabilities!!
Regional vendors, agencies and organizations will be available to talk with you about not only summer camps and programs but year round opportunities that support families and students with disabilities.

You will receive a copy of the **2017 Summer and Beyond Fair Directory**. Free fingerprint cards will be available. And Slider from the Cleveland Indians will make an appearance, as well as face-painting!

At Woodside Event Center at St. Michael's - 5025 Mill Rd., Broadview Heights, OH 44147

Summer & Beyond Flyer  |  Summer & Beyond flyer - Espanol

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**Connecting for Kids Meet & Greet**
**Wednesday, April 12 from 6:30-8:30pm**

Visit Camp Happiness at the Meet and Greet at the Don Umerley Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd. in Rocky River.

This is a free, public event where families can learn about local resources, therapies, after-school programs and summer camps for their child who is struggling (with or without a formal diagnosis). Participants can visit with representatives from more than 70 organizations to discuss services and explore program options.

If you preregister and attend the Meet and Greet you will be entered into a raffle to win a $100 Visa gift card! To register for the Meet and Greet, click here.

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**Catholic Charities Annual Appeal**

This past weekend, February 11-12, was the Catholic Charities - Diocese of Cleveland's In-Pew Appeal. Thank you for your donation.

If you'd like to know more about Catholic Charities and what the annual appeal is all about, click on one of these links below. Our programs rely heavily on fundraising such as the Annual Appeal and we are very grateful for donors like you!

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**St. Patrick's Day Dance**
**March 10, 2017**
Join us on Friday, March 10, for our St. Patrick's Day dance! Wear green and put on your Irish dancing shoes! Maybe the DJ will even play some Irish jigs, reels and hornpipes!

These dances are for persons with and without disabilities, ages 16 and over. 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 usually 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!

Click here for a flyer of 2017 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.

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
Side by Side

Every year we celebrate March as National Developmental Disability Awareness month. This year’s theme is, "Side by Side." People with and without disabilities working, going to school, playing and participating in their communities together.

March 8 is DD Awareness and Advocacy Day - an annual event taking place at the Ohio Statehouse designed to educate and empower people with developmental disabilities, their families, and community members. The morning program features speeches from prominent advocates, state policymakers, and community leaders. The event is funded by a grant through the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council.

Pre-registration is required for attendance, and a limited number of tickets are available.

Location: Show map
Ohio Statehouse Atrium
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Click here to register
Adapted Activities Demo Day Re-Cap

Thank you to Patty McGuire, Jeannie Koran and Lisa Ligus for providing a fun afternoon for approximately 15 individuals! On January 28 Catholic Charities Disability Services offered a free demo of community-based, adapted activities to persons of all abilities. This was a sampling of activities we would like to begin offering to persons with and without disabilities.

Patty led a high energy Adapted Jazzercise class & had everyone moving & sweating! Her routines are adapted in an easy to understand format, but still fun & great for our physical health.

Jeannie led a lower energy Tai Chi class, showing everyone the benefits of doing physical exercise combined with meditation within one form of movement. It was relaxing and a lot of fun!

Lisa increased the energy again when she led everyone in her Music Enrichment class. She had everyone playing music and singing! Everyone participated with drums and shakers, utilizing their many musical talents!

Check future E-Newsletters and our website or Facebook page for information about upcoming integrated activities.

Sincerely,

Dennis McNulty & Marilyn Scott
Catholic Charities Disability Services