Greetings!
Welcome to our September edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter. It's been quite a while since we've sent out an E-Newsletter. Take a moment and read about Camp Happiness this past summer and the Saturday program starting next month and the Walk of Hope coming up in October!

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.

40th Annual Walk of Hope
Saturday, October 7, 2017

We are celebrating our 40th Annual Walk of Hope this year! That is 40 years of walkers, volunteers, supporters, donors, employees and so much more. We are grateful for those many years of support for persons with disabilities.

New Location!!
This year the Walk will begin and end at St. Augustine Church, 2486 W. 14th St., Cleveland - just a half a block away from OLA/St. Joseph Ctr, across from Lincoln Park. You can still park at OLA and walk over to St. Augustine to take part in the Walk. Just look for the signs!

8:30am    Registration
9:00am    Walk through Tremont
10:30am   Raffle
11:00am   Walk around Lincoln Park

Come down for part of the day or the full day! Lunch will be provided and there will be music and fun for everyone involved!

How can I Donate?
There is no registration fee or minimum donation to participate. If you donate $50, you will receive a Walk hat; donate $75 and
Saturday Program begins Sept. 16!

The Continuing Adult Education Program - otherwise known as the Saturday Program - will begin on September 16, from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

The Saturday Program is an educational and social program for adults with cognitive disabilities. Participants attend on Saturdays between September and May. A typical day includes time in the morning for talking and sharing; participants then attend classes in math, reading, current events and history; they break for lunch; and spend time in the afternoon creating art projects, exercising or working on the computer.

Other Saturdays we spend out in the community on field trips to local museums or restaurants or doing fun activities! Often we bring speakers in to discuss jobs, safety and health!

If this sounds like something you may be interested in, please get in touch with Marilyn Scott to find out more. New participants are required to meet with us first to spend a couple hours at the program. This helps determine if the program is appropriate and if the participant wants to attend.

This year the Saturday program will meet at two different locations - a calendar is provided to participants. The two locations are St. Augustine Church in Tremont (2486 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH 44113) and St. Augustine Towers in the Detroit/Shoreway neighborhood (7821 Lake Ave., Cleveland, OH 44102).

Cost is $88/month or $792 plus a one-time fee of $60/year. The Saturday Program is Waiver Certified.
Faith & Light
Pilgrimage of Compassion
Saturday, September 9, 2017

The Pilgrimage of Compassion will take place at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, 21281 Chardon Road, Euclid, Ohio 44117.

Pilgrimage begins at 10:30am and ends with Mass at 4:00pm.

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.

Box lunches and water will be available. Donations appreciated. Groups and/or individuals welcome.

Questions? Brian Daw 216-338-4260 or Email
Click here for a Flyer

Camp Happiness Summer 2017

What a wonderful summer for Camp Happiness at St. Leo the Great in Cleveland and the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. Campers and staff had so much fun and there are pictures to prove it! Check them out on our Facebook page!

Our staff made sure that the campers had an adventurous summer! Campers had the opportunity to meet new friends, swim, make fun projects, go on community field trips and just have fun! Field trips included the Zoo, Lake Farmpark, the History Museum, bowling, swim parks, ice cream shops and more!

Both sites came together for Field Day at Lincoln Park in Tremont. They participated in fun relay races, got "tattoos", danced, put on site skits, received awards and danced some more! A special thank you to the International Order of the Alhambra for their support of Camp Happiness and Field Day! We couldn't do it without your dedication to persons with disabilities. You can see pictures from Field Day here!

Thank you to our families, campers, staff and volunteers for another wonderful Camp Happiness summer!

Here is a sampling of pictures from this past summer!
Camp Happiness Match Challenge Thank You

We want to thank everyone who donated to the Camp Happiness Match Challenge. This Match Challenge was begun by the Logsdon Family Foundation in March and helped us send kids with disabilities to Camp Happiness this past summer!

The Logsdon Family Foundation said they would donate $10,000 if we can also raise $10,000. We raised $7,000. The Logsdon family still donated the $10,000!

Thank you to the Logsdon Family. Their donation and challenge came at a time when we really needed that assistance.

Upcoming Dances!

*We will send information about upcoming dances as soon as possible.*

The 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!

Dances are usually held on the 2nd Friday of the month from 7-9pm.

*Due to weather, there are times we have to cancel - for last*
Years of Service Awards

We would like to congratulate ourselves for a combined 100+ years of service to Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries.

During the month of August, Dennis McNulty, Director, celebrated 30 years of working with persons with disabilities with Catholic Charities. Marilyn Scott, Program Director, celebrated 25 years - also during the month of August!

Congratulations also to Fr. Joe McNulty, Director of the Office of Disability Ministries, who celebrated 45 years and to Gerry Kasper and Mae Graves, two of our Saturday Program employees.

It has been our honor to be of service and we hope that Disability Services & Ministries may continue to serve and to be a blessing to our Diocese.

Welcome to the Diocese of Cleveland

Sincerely,

Dennis McNulty & Marilyn Scott
Catholic Charities Disability Services