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Greetings!

Welcome to the January/February 2018 edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter. Happy New Year to you and your families! We hope that this year is a healthy and happy year!

This E-News is filled with thoughts of summer! There is much information about our summer program - Camp Happiness! January is a good time to think of warm, summer days!

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 follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!! December Dance in Tremont!

February 9, 2018

7-9pm | \$3 at the door

2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland

Dancers, and any family/friends coming with you, must be age 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!

2018 Dance Dates: February 9; March 9; April 13; May 11; June 8; July 13; October 12; November 9; December 14. Click [here](#) to print a flyer.

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](#).



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Camp Happiness Summer 2018

Look for registration material to be mailed and on our website soon. We are excited for another fun-filled summer for those who attend and work at Camp Happiness!



Camp Happiness is a six-week summer day camp for children and young adults, ages 5-21, with cognitive disabilities, from June 18 - July 27, 2018. We have two locations - St. Leo the Great in Cleveland (Old Brooklyn area) and Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe.

You can sign up for 1 week or multiple weeks. The weekly cost is \$350 and there are many options for payment and assistance. Camp Happiness is a Waiver provider (IO, Level One & SELF) 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 visit our [website](#).

Camper registration and job opportunities will be available on our website soon.

Summer & Beyond Camp Fair Saturday, February 17 from 10am to 1pm

Visit Camp Happiness at the 20th Annual Summer & Beyond Fair for Children and Youth with Disabilities at Woodside Event Center at St. Michael's - 5025 Mill Rd., Broadview Heights, OH 44147.

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!

[Summer & Beyond Flyer](#) | [Website Information](#)

Connecting for Kids Meet & Greet Thursday, April 19 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.

Click [here](#) to learn more about this upcoming event.

Coming Soon... 2nd Annual Camp Happiness Match Challenge

The Logsdon Family Foundation has once again challenged us to a \$10,000 Match. They will donate \$10,000 to Camp Happiness if we can raise \$10,000!!! We did it last year and we are excited about meeting this challenge in 2018!!!

Last year, campers were able to go swimming and go on community field trips! We were able to assist campers with their weekly fee! Our families struggle to send their kids to camp each year. Yet camp is so important for children with disabilities socially!

Look for information about how you can donate soon!

Cleveland Magazine's Most Interesting People of 2018

Congratulations to our very own Sharita Taylor!! What an honor to be chosen as one of Cleveland's most interesting people of 2018! You can read the full article [here](#).

Sharita went to the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria last year, competing in figure skating. The article talks about that incredible experience and also about how she and her twin sister Shaye got started in figure skating and how they don't let their disability get in the way!



Congratulations Sharita!

Sincerely,

Dennis McNulty & Marilyn Scott
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