Greetings!
The following is your August 2019 edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter. We have many exciting updates for you including information about the upcoming redesigned Walk of Hope!

For more information about our services check out our website! Also don’t forget to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!

Walk of Hope 2019
Saturday, October 5, 2019
10:00am to Noon
St. Augustine Church in Tremont
2486 W. 14th St., Cleveland

The redesigned Walk of Hope is back! Join us at this fun fall gathering, which raises awareness and funds for our community based programs and parish ministries for persons with disabilities in our Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio.

Consider an online donation of $50.00 (or any amount) to help us make the Walk a success! Or you can bring your donation with you on Saturday, October 5th!

History of the Walk
The Walk-a-Thon began in 1977 by a few parents of persons with disabilities. The Walk has been held in various locations over the years, including Edgewater Park (left), and has covered many miles! In 2007, we changed the name to the "Walk of Hope" in memory of our friend Jim Beers (right).

Today, the Walk takes place in the Tremont neighborhood and is as much of a "friendraiser" as it is a fundraiser. 100% of the funds raised will benefit our community based programs and parish ministries for persons with disabilities, their loved ones and their supporters.

Some of these programs and ministries include Camp Happiness, Continuing Adult Education Program, socials and activities, referral support for families, special programs for the d/Deaf, hard of hearing, blind and mentally ill, including LINKS Cleveland, and many more ministries which integrate persons with disabilities into Church and society. Your hope makes our services & ministries possible.

The Details
When: The redesigned Walk of Hope will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019, from 10am to noon.

Where: Mylott Hall at St. Augustine Church, 2486 W. 14th St., Cleveland, in the Historic Tremont neighborhood.

What: A fun fall gathering with breakfast pastries and coffee/juice, followed by a walk around Lincoln Park and a raffle with great prizes. The walk around Lincoln Park was always a very special part of the day and we wanted to focus more on bringing our community together to raise funds for the programs and ministries, but to also raise awareness.

Specifics:
10:00     Arrival, breakfast and donation table open
10:45     Walk around Lincoln Park
11:15     Raffle Drawing
12:00     Day is complete

For more information:
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Website | Facebook | Eventbrite Page

We missed everyone last year and hope that you consider joining us for the Walk of Hope on October 5!
Dance Night September 13!
Friday the 13th!
With DJ Kris

Two hours of fun, music and a dance contest!

- Don't forget that all dancers should bring identification (ID or nametag with telephone number)
- For sensory sensitive individuals, please be advised that our dances do have flashing lights and loud music
- Supervision of dance participants must be provided by a family member or direct care staff (Free admission for family/staff)

Email Lauren Mailey or call (216) 334-2963 with any questions

Due to weather, sometimes we have to cancel - for last minute updates call our voicemail at 216-334-2963 or 2962 or check our website

Saturday Program begins September 14!

The Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP) - A.K.A. The Saturday Program - will begin on September 14! Come join the fun Saturdays, 9:30AM-3:00PM!
The Saturday Program is an educational and social program for adults with developmental disabilities, ages 18 and over. Program is held most Saturdays between September and May. A typical day includes time in the morning for talking and sharing; participants then attend classes in "real-world" math, reading, and current events; they break for lunch; and spend time in the afternoon creating art, exercising or working on the computer.

Other Saturdays we spend out in the community on field trips to local museums, restaurants or attending community events! 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 Lauren Mailey 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.

Cost is $88/month or $792 plus a one-time fee of $60/year. The Saturday program is Waiver Certified.

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Camp Happiness Wrap Up!!
What an incredible camp season we had this summer! Campers had a blast learning, creating, swimming, playing sports, making music and much more! We went on some incredible field trips this summer including the Science Center, Natural History Museum, Lake Farm Park, and the Zoo! Thank you to all our donors, camp staff, Occupational and Music Therapists, campers, and parents for making it a wonderful summer!

We can’t wait to see everyone next year!

**Match Challenge Thank You**

Our Camp Happiness Match Challenge has come to an end. The challenge from the Logsdon Family Foundation was to raise $10,000, which they would generously match. We were able to raise close to $6,500 and the Logsdon Family Foundation graciously donated their $10,000!
This means we were able to assist many families at Camp Happiness this summer with camp scholarships. We were able to provide fun-filled field trips. We added music and occupational therapy activities to our weekly activities.

We couldn't have done any of this without your support. We are so appreciative to you and to the Logsdon Family Foundation. We thank them and you for your support!

**Disability Ministries' LINKS Cleveland**

LINKS Cleveland is in its 29th year at St. Augustine Church. LINKS is a social, recreational and educational center for persons with mental illness.

Members gather several times a week for various activities and socialization. Whether our activities are out in the community or on the grounds of St. Augustine Church a fun time is sure to be had by all.

**New members are always welcome**. Membership dues are $70 per year. Transportation is available. Financial Assistance may be available.

For more information on this wonderful ministry please contact Bob Duda or call (216) 781-5530 x31.

**ICDA Conference 2019**

ICDA-US is an organization of Catholic deaf and hearing people in the church working with the deaf in the United States. There are 138 Chapters in the United States.

Every two years we gather together for a conference which involves daily mass and workshops. Our workshops this year covered the beginning of Deaf Ministry in the Catholic Church and the role that Vatican II had in a more inclusive mass.
Deaf Catholic priests and deacon concelebrating mass at Our Lady of Peace with Bishop Cantu, Bishop of San Jose Diocese

Cleveland representatives at the ICDA-US Conference in San Jose, California

Making sure O-H-I-O was represented in this group photo on the steps of St. Benedict Church for the Deaf

Love and Blessings,
Marilyn, Lauren & Bob
Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries