Dear Samantha,

Welcome to the May edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter! We hope that you are enjoying your Spring! There is lots to share with you so read on!

Don't forget to check out our website for more information about Disability Services & Ministries and be sure to click on "News & Events" for more upcoming events. God Bless You!

Audio Description for the Blind and Sign Language Interpretation for the Deaf

Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries provides audio description services for the Blind, audio enhancement services and interpreted services for the D/deaf. Interpreted services include weekly Sunday liturgies at various parishes throughout the Diocese of Cleveland.

Most recently, we were proud to provide the audio description services at the annual Chrism Mass at St. John's Cathedral, Diocese of Cleveland.

Because of these services, persons with disabilities can more fully participate fully in the liturgy.

For more information, email Dennis McNulty.

The Continuing Adult Education Program

The Continuing Adult Education Program will wrap up for the season on May 17th. We had a wonderful year with lots of learning, many parties, lots of fun.
Students excelled in solving math problems, wrote autobiographies in reading and learned about history while listening to Billy Joel’s “We Didn't Start the Fire”!

We went to the movies, the West Side Market, bowling and Bob Evans!

We had one student move out of state - we miss Anicia! But shortly after, we gained three new students! Welcome Shaye, Sharita & Scott!

Our Awards will be Saturday, May 17 and then we are off for the summer!

Three Opportunities to support Camp Happiness!!
Three Pizza shops - Three dates - Three sides of town
Three Camp Happiness sites!!

If you haven't figured it out, you will have three different opportunities to support Camp Happiness. Three different pizza places have agreed to host a fundraising night where up to 20% of your meal will come back to Camp Happiness.

Tuesday, May 27 - Guys Pizza in Mentor
Monday, June 2 - Dewey's Pizza in Cleveland Hts.
Wednesday, June 11 - Angelo's Pizza in Lakewood

Flyers will be sent soon! All you need to do is go to the pizza place of your choice...or all three...bring the flyer with you or show them on your phone...place your order and you will have supported Camp Happiness!

Remember to keep an eye out for the flyers!!

And...if you don't like pizza, you are more than welcome to make a donation!

Carmona Caravan No. 75
We would like to thank the Carmona Caravan No. 75 of the International Order of the Alhambra. The Alhambra is a fraternal organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of children with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (IDD). We are very lucky to be the recipient of many years of support from the Alhambra...since 1966!!!
The Carmona Caravan No. 75 recently made a $5,000 donation to be used as financial assistance for children with IDD to attend Camp Happiness. This donation will help so many families who struggle to find a way to send their child to Camp Happiness.

Thank you Carmona Caravan! We couldn't do it without your help!!

**Ernst & Young**

We were also pleased to receive a donation from Ernst & Young in Cleveland! Our Program Director, Marilyn Scott, received a call from an employee at Ernst & Young who said that through their "Counseling Families" program, they raised a small donation for Camp Happiness. Ernst & Young believes in helping to build local communities. They felt that our Camp Happiness program fulfills a strong need in the community. Their donation will help send one camper to Camp Happiness for one week!

Thank you Ernst & Young!

**Summer Camping Opportunities!**

**There are still openings!!**

Are you looking for a fun, summer activity for your child this summer? Camp Happiness is for children ages 5-21 with cognitive disabilities, Monday through Friday, 9:30am to 3pm from June 16 to August 1. There are three locations - Parma, Lakewood & Wickliffe. Transportation is also included for those in Cuyahoga County (based on eligibility). Camp Happiness is a provider of Medicaid services. If you are interested in more information, you can call us at 216-334-2963 or 216-334-2964; email Marilyn or Kathy; or go to our website

Other summer opportunities offered by the Diocese of Cleveland:

Rose-Mary Center Camp offers an 8 week program at OLA/St. Joseph Center in Tremont for individuals with multiple disabilities & severe/ profound levels of cognitive disabilities ages 6 to 21. Camp is June 16 to August 8. 216-481-4823.

Augustine Rainbow Camp is a 5-week program in an inclusive setting at St. Augustine Church in the Tremont area of Cleveland for campers ages 5 to 13. Rainbow Camp includes children with and without disabilities; including those who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind & those with mild cognitive disabilities. Camp is June 30 to August 1. 216-781-5530.

Catholic Charities in Summit County offers both residential
Christopher Discovery Camp and day camp (SumFun) for persons with developmental disabilities. Some individuals who are higher functioning are integrated into the regular camp program. 1-800-CYO-CAMP or 1-330-376-2267 or visit their website.

Did You Know

Did you know that Camp Happiness and Disability Services will be 48 years old?! That means in two years, we get to celebrate the BIG 5-0!!!

Happy Spring!

Sincerely,

Dennis McNulty & Marilyn Scott
Catholic Charities Disability Services