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Welcome to the August edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter! Camp Happiness is over and we are now getting ready for the CAEP to begin and for the Walk of Hope on October 4.

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!

Remembering Charlie Reeves

1957-2014



We are sad to inform you that our friend Charlie Reeves passed away on Sunday, August 17, 2014. Charlie has been involved with Disability Services for years and was a good friend. He was very active with our weekend retreat program & with our Saturday class. He was also a Eucharistic Minister at St Ann's (Communion of Saints) and at our Journey to

Bethlehem Mass. We're certain he is at home with Jesus and is enjoying the company of his parents who he missed so much.

We heard from Charlie's sister, Ruth, last night. Here's part of her message: "I am sad to say we lost Charlie yesterday. He died peacefully in his sleep. The funeral will be at St. Ann's of Communion of Saints parish on Friday; the calling hours will be Thursday at Schulte Mahon Murphy on Mayfield Road from 3-7."

The exact time of the Mass on Friday has not been yet been determined. Please check the Plain Dealer or

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Charlie's picture hangs in our
hall, is the header for this E-
Newsletter, is on our website
and is the cover photo on our
Face Book page . It's a nice
reminder of our friend and the
joy that he brought. He will be
missed.



Please remember Charlie, his family & friends in your prayers.



Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP)

Saturday School begins soon! Are you an adult,
age 21 and over, with a cognitive disability who is looking to
further your education, meet new friends, go on fun field trips
and more?! Maybe the Saturday Program is what you are
looking for?

This school year will be from Saturday, September 20, 2014 and
until Saturday, May 23, 2015 (No school the Saturday after
Thanksgiving; 2 Saturdays at Christmas; and the Saturday before
Easter).

For 25 years, the CAEP has provided educational and social skill
building for some 20 adults with developmental disabilities, ages
21 and over. Participants enhance their skills in math, reading
and history. They also work on the computer, make arts & crafts
and have fun making friends, watching movies and having
holiday parties! Participants also learn about their local
community by going on field trips.

Classes meet at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St.,
Cleveland, OH). Students provide their own transportation.
Tuition is \$88/month with an additional one time material fee of
\$60; Waivers are accepted and financial assistance may be
available.

Call 216-334-2963 or [Email Marilyn Scott](mailto:Marilyn.Scott) to set up an
appointment to visit this program to see if it is the right fit for
you!

Mass of Celebration - September 7

The Building Church/Welcoming All (BCWA) ministry of Immaculate Conception Church in Willoughby is holding its First Annual Mass of Celebration for individuals of all abilities on Sunday, September 7 at the 12:00 mass.

Bishop Gries will preside over the liturgy and Fr. Chris Weber will be the con-celebrant. All are encouraged to attend!

The Mass will feature active participation from individuals with disabilities of the Lake/Geauga communities. They are looking for Altar servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, gift bearers, and individuals to offer the prayers. If you wish to participate email [Jeff Mackey](#) or [Kevin Anderson](#)

There will be an opportunity to gather after Mass for some time to share and celebrate further in St. Joseph Hall. Both the Church and St. Joseph Hall are accessible.

BCWA plans on making this an annual event for our Catholic Community in both Lake and Geauga Counties.

Immaculate Conception Church is located at 37932 Euclid Ave., Willoughby, OH. For more information, please call the rectory at 440-942-4500.

We are all God's children and have unique and important gifts to offer the world. Hopefully, this Mass will be but one reminder that these gifts come in all forms.

[Click here for a flyer](#)

Services & Ministries - FEATURE

Walk of Hope - Saturday, October 4, 2014

We are looking forward to our 37th Annual Walk of Hope on Saturday, Oct. 4! Each year we gather at OLA/St. Joseph Center (OLA/SJC) in Tremont to celebrate and raise money for our programs and ministries for persons with disabilities.

Registration begins at 8:30am and the Walk begins at 9:00am. The approximately 2 mile Walk takes you on a tour through historic Tremont. Afterwards, come back to OLA/SJC for a light lunch and a raffle, with great prizes!

At 11:00am we offer a shorter walk around Lincoln Park. This walk began for those who were in wheelchairs or



unable to walk the longer route. But this walk has become quite popular! The Walk of Hope has become more of a "friend"raiser for us! But all proceeds go towards continuing our programs and ministries.

Donations can be sent to Catholic Charities Disability Services at 7911 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, OH 44102. For information, call 216-334-2963 or [Email Marilyn Scott](#).

Come and show your support. If you can't be with us, pray for a successful Walk of Hope!

[Click here for a Walk of Hope flyer.](#)

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Did You Know

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36 Years Ago...In 1978, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) published the Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on People with Disabilities.

This document has been used as a model around the world. A model of inclusion. In fact, when the Americans with Disabilities Act was being debated, the USCCB's statement was read on the floor of Congress as an example for the Legislators to achieve.

You can go to the National Catholic Partnership on Disability's [website](#) to read the statement.

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

***37th Annual Walk of Hope
Saturday, October 4, 2014***

***30th Annual Journey to Bethlehem Mass
Saturday, December 6, 2014***

Sincerely,

Dennis McNulty & Marilyn Scott

Catholic Charities Disability Services