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Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter
48 Years of Serving Persons with Disabilities
1966-2014

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Dear Samantha,

Welcome to our November edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter! Today is Veteran's Day - Thank you to all of our Veterans - your service to our country is much appreciated!

Mark your calendars for the 30th Annual Journey to Bethlehem on December 6, with Bishop Roger Gries!

We would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving from Disability Services & Ministries. Take this time to spend with family and friends and to be thankful for all of our blessings!

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!

Journey to Bethlehem, December 6, 2014

We are excited to celebrate the 30th Annual Journey to Bethlehem Mass on Saturday, December 6! 30 Years! 1984-2014! Wow!

This Mass is very special for us, as it is for all of you. The Journey to Bethlehem has always been a Mass for persons with disabilities and their family and friends. A morning where we can all come together to pray...
together, to sing together and to just be together.

The Journey to Bethlehem is held at OLA/St. Joseph Center in Tremont (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH 44113).

The Mass will be held at 11:00 am this year. Bishop Roger Gries will be our celebrant and we will have a light lunch following mass.

For information, call 216-334-2963 or Email Marilyn Scott.

Click here for a Journey to Bethlehem flyer.

November Dance!

Friday, November 14

Are you looking for something fun to do this Friday evening, November 14? Join us for a night of dancing!

These Monthly Dances for adults (over 16) with disabilities are held on the 2nd Friday of each month (except January & August). The dance is held at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH 44113) from 7-9 pm. Dancers pay $3 at the door and this gets you a pop, chips, great music and fun with your friends! Staff/Caregivers are Free!

Please be sure to bring your ID or wear a name-tag with your first name and phone number. Group home staff and caregivers must provide supervision. Call 216-334-2963 or Email Marilyn for information.

There will be no dances at Rose-Mary Center until January 2015. Look for a new dance schedule in next month’s E-News.

Click here for a flyer.

Holiday Christmas Gift!

At this season of the year, many people decide to give to charities. Please consider a Christmas gift to Disability Services & Ministries. Your support will continue and strengthen our many programs.

Many of the families we serve come from below the poverty level. These people will especially benefit because of your kindness.

If you would like your gift to go to a specific program, such as
Camp Happiness, the Continuing Adult Education Program or the Weekend Retreat, indicate which program on the form below. Simply mail the form below to us. If you cannot make a donation, remember us and our ministries in your prayers.

You can make your check payable to and send to:
Catholic Charities Disability Services
Christmas Gift
7911 Detroit Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44102

Thank you!

National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities

(NCPD), started in 1987 by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB), asked Disability Services to participate in a survey on Autism. The survey was given to employees of Catholic Charities at Staff Development Day who attended a presentation given by Dennis McNulty, Director of Disability Services and Erin Turner, LISW, called "Autism, A Different Journey."

This November the NCPD will travel to Rome to participate in an international conference of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers where Jan Benton, the Executive Director of NCPD, will present information about the Church's mission to people with autism and their families in North America. Part of the presentation will be the findings compiled from CCC's Staff Development Day.

Congratulations to Fr. Joe McNulty, Director of Catholic Charities Disability Ministry, who has been asked by the NCPD to be a member of The Council on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The newest Council of NCPD is meeting monthly by conference call and planning its approach to serving the needs of parishes and dioceses so they are better able to welcome people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families into full life in the Church.

Learn more about NCPD

Spread the Word to End the Word!

We shared the following image from the Military Special Needs Network on Facebook & Twitter as a way to help "Spread the Word to End the Word".
To learn more about the "Spread the Word to End the Word" campaign, check out their website.

E-Mail Addresses changing January 1, 2015

Please note that as of January 1, 2015, our e-mail addresses will change. Please update your records and contact us with any questions. The old address will still reach us. New emails are:
Dennis McNulty - dmcnulty@ccdocle.org
Marilyn Scott - mjscott@ccdocle.org

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS***
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Saturday, December 6, 2014

Sincerely,
Dennis McNulty & Marilyn Scott
Catholic Charities Disability Services