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Dear Friends,
Welcome to our December edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter.

We would like to wish you and your family blessings for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

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!

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

December Dance!
Friday, December 12

Are you looking for something fun to do this Friday evening, December 12? Join us for a night of great music and dancing with friends!
Info You Need
Age - Adults, 16 & Over, with disabilities
Location - OLA/St. Joseph Center, 2346 W. 14th, Cleveland 44113
Time - 7pm to 9pm
Cost - $3 for dancers / Staff & Caregivers are Free
Everyone receives pop and chips

***Bring your ID or wear a name-tag with your first name and phone number
***Group home staff and caregivers must provide supervision

January - No dance at OLA/St. Joseph Center
January 23 - Rose-Mary Ctr Dance (see schedule below for info)

2015 Dance Schedule

Call 216-334-2963 or Email Marilyn for questions

Congratulations Mary Lou Lamb

We recently heard that our longtime friend Mary Lou Lamb was awarded the 2014 Hansler Award from Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio (MAHO). Congratulations Mary Lou! You are very deserving!!

For many years, Mary Lou volunteered in our Outreach Ministry program. She visited those in group homes and residential settings and provided religious education and spirituality. Thanks to her, many persons with disabilities were able to come closer to God. In addition, she always humor and joy to everyone!

From MAHO's announcement: "Mary Lou has been a part of MAHO since its beginning: she helped found the organization in 1981, served as a Board member for over 25 years, and is currently an Emeritus Director. She has made outstanding contributions to furthering the mission, vision and values of MAHO." To read more, visit MAHO's website.

Employment & Training Services

Know someone with a disability who wants to work? Or are you a business owner looking to hire someone with disabilities?

Catholic Charities Employment and Training Services provides...
supported employment services that are designed to assist people with a wide range of cognitive and physical disabilities to become self reliant and independent in the community. Services range from vocational counseling, basic computer classes, job readiness training and job development.

If you are a business owner in Cuyahoga County, consider the value of hiring persons with disabilities. Persons with disabilities have many talents that could be a benefit to your business. We encourage employers who are members of our Diocese to be open to the possibilities!

For more information, please call or email Tracee Ingram - 216-426-9870 ext.13.

Journey to Bethlehem

What a wonderful liturgy we had for the 30th Annual Journey to Bethlehem. Thank you Bishop Roger Gries for your continuous support of persons with disabilities. You delivered a very positive and inspirational message to all of us. You can see part of Bishop Roger's homily on our YouTube page.

Thank you also to the St. John Vianney Choir, led by Bill Rebol - we are so happy they like to come back year after year! Thank you to the International Order of the Alhambra - Carmona & Abba Koval Caravans - for their support and dedication! And thanks to all who came to the Mass. It was a beautiful 30th Journey to Bethlehem.

You can also see pictures on our website's photo gallery.

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 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!

Did you Know

2015 is the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Many celebrations are in the planning stages. Look for more information after the New Year.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

We would like to extend to you and your family our wishes for a very Blessed Christmas Season!

Sincerely,
Dennis McNulty & Marilyn Scott
Catholic Charities Disability Services