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## Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter

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### Greetings!

Welcome to the March edition of the Disability Services & Ministries E-Newsletter.

Remember to check our [website](#) for more information and be sure to click on "[News & Events](#)" for more upcoming events. And don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook and "Follow" us on Twitter.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



### St. Patrick's Day Dance March 10, 2017

Join us this Friday, March 10, for our St. Patrick's Day dance! Wear green and put on your Irish dancing shoes! Maybe the DJ will even play some Irish jigs, reels and hornpipes!



These dances are for persons with and without disabilities, ages 16 and over. All dancers pay \$3 - Staff/Caregivers are Free. Everyone gets a pop, a bag of chips AND two hours of entertainment! We also have a

dance contest where you can win different prizes each month! It is usually held on the 2nd Friday of the month from 7-9pm at OLA/St. Joseph Center, 2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH 44113 - in Tremont!

Click [here](#) for a flyer of 2017 Dates. Next dance is Friday, April 7. Note this is the first Friday of the month due to Easter the following weekend.



*Due to weather, there are times we have to cancel - for last minute updates call 216-334-2963 or 2962 - we will change our voice mail; email [Marilyn](#) or [Dennis](#); or check our [website](#).*

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## SIGN UP for Camp Happiness Summer 2017

We are accepting applications for another fun-filled summer at Camp Happiness! There are two locations this summer - St. Leo the Great in Cleveland (Old Brooklyn area) and Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe.



Camp Happiness is a summer day camp for children and young adults, ages 5-21, with cognitive disabilities, from June 19 to July 28. You can sign up for 1-6 weeks at Camp Happiness. The weekly cost is \$350 and there are many options for payment and assistance. Camp Happiness is a Waiver provider under Community Respite.

Our staff make sure that the campers have a fun and adventurous summer, with field trips, swimming, arts & crafts and lots of singing! If you are interested in learning more, check our [website](#).

## **Camp Happiness Match Challenge**

During March which is DD Awareness Month

The Logsdon Family Foundation has challenged us to a \$10,000 Match Challenge. They will donate \$10,000 to Camp Happiness if we can raise \$10,000!!! We are excited about meeting this challenge!!!

HELP US!!!!



March is DD Awareness Month in Ohio. This year's theme is "Side by Side".

Let's celebrate DD Awareness together and side by side by rising to this challenge. All donations will be used to send kids with disabilities to Camp Happiness, a six week day camp from June 19 to July 28. We can't think of a better way to raise awareness for persons with developmental disabilities! And we can't think of better recipients - children attending summer camp.

Our families struggle to send their kids to camp each year. Yet camp is so important for children with disabilities socially! One of our parents has said that, before finding Camp Happiness, his son was rejected by every camp he had contacted. On the first day, within minutes of meeting the staff, he said



Camp Happiness felt like a family. They love that their child comes home dirty and happy like he would at any other camp!

Are you up for the Match Challenge? Any amount will help and is appreciated by the many families who can't afford camp!

- A \$10 donation will pay for a child's field trip to the History Museum
- \$50 will pay for one site to go swimming for one day
- \$700 will pay for one camper to go to one week of camp
- \$4,200 will pay for one child to go to camp for all six weeks
- Can you imagine what \$20,000 will do?

You can donate [online](#)

(You will click "Tickets" on the Eventbrite site, however you are not purchasing tickets for an event. This is how we can accept online donations.)

Or you can send a check made payable to "Disability Services" to Disability Services 7911 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102.

Thank you for assisting children with disabilities to attend Camp Happiness!

## Lula Roe Fundraiser for Camp Happiness

Part of the Camp Happiness Match Challenge

March 25 -29, 2017

Shop In Person **AND** Online



### IN PERSON in TREMONT

Saturday, March 25 | 6:30 to 7:30pm

Sunday, March 26 | 11:30am - 3:00pm

Come shop LulaRoe and then dine at one of the many fine restaurants in Tremont after!

Shop for your favorites at: OLA/St. Joseph Center in Tremont (2346 W. 14, Cleve, OH 44113)

Payable by Cash or Credit only

### ONLINE POP UP

Monday, March 27, at 7pm to Wednesday, March 29, at 12 midnight

[Shop Directly Online](#)

All proceeds support Disability Services' "Camp Happiness Match Challenge". Thank you to Jessica Fabiano-Orme and Jill McNulty, for their time, effort and dedication in organizing this fundraiser.

Questions - email [Marilyn](#) or [Jill](#)

## April is World Autism Month

### Light It Up Blue on April 2



World Autism Month kicks off on April 2, World Autism Awareness Day. Autism Speaks and supporters around the globe have participated in [Light It Up Blue](#) for many years and have made great strides in awareness as millions have joined this movement.

Thousands of iconic landmarks and buildings join the hundreds of thousands of homes and communities around the world to "light blue" in support of people living with autism. Autism friendly events and educational activities take place all month throughout North America to increase understanding and acceptance to further support people with autism.

Encourage your friends and family to:

- Wear blue
- Light your homes blue
- Post photos on social media with the hashtag #LightItUpBlue
- Start a fundraiser to expand our mission
- Host an autism friendly event

[Take a look at the Autism Speaks Light It Up Blue webpage](#) where there are even more ideas to Light It Up Blue and increase understanding and acceptance for those with autism.

### Connecting for Kids Meet & Greet Wednesday, April 12 from 6:30-8:30pm

Visit Camp Happiness at the Meet and Greet at the Don Umerley Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd. in Rocky River.

This is a free, public event where families can learn about local resources, therapies, after-school programs and summer camps for their child who is struggling (with or without a formal diagnosis). Participants can visit with representatives from more than 70 organizations to discuss services and explore program options.

If you preregister and attend the Meet and Greet you will be entered into a raffle to win a \$100 Visa gift card! To register for the Meet and Greet, click [here](#).

Sincerely,

Dennis McNulty & Marilyn Scott  
Catholic Charities Disability Services