

Friends of 8th Street

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Catholic Charities Community Services



Family Center of Lorain

Our Purpose: To help people get to a better situation in life!
How: By offering information and learning opportunities, by encouraging behavior change and by connecting people to basic necessities according to need
Organizational Values: Concern for the Poor, Dignity of Person, Justice, Hope, Stewardship
Site Themes: Faith, Hope, New Beginnings

Friendship Connections Dance Dates Set for 2008

Friendship Connections dances are held throughout the year for adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers. Dates for 2008 are: May 23, July 25, September 26 & November 21. Dances start at 7:00 PM and end at 9:30 PM. The cost is only \$3.00 per dancer at the door. Group home staff members and family caregivers get in free. Enjoy great music, snacks, and maybe even win a prize!

Community Connections Program – “Partnerships In Action”

Persons who are homeless, on the verge of homelessness or otherwise vulnerable in our area utilize our Family Center as a “one-stop shop” for social services. Activities are planned that enable individuals and families to connect with needed resources in the community.

- Nord Mental Health Ctr. Homeless Liaison Program – Individuals who are homeless have access to someone who will connect them to mental health services if necessary. Daily during mealtime.
- State Department Job & Family Services, Veterans Affairs Office – Assist vets with job search/training and determine eligibility for benefits. Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 PM.
- Lorain County Free Clinic – Provides doctor and nurse to those who lack healthcare. Future clinics will happen on Monday, April 7th and Monday May 12th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.
- Benefits Bank Program – We’ll help you apply for public benefits including the Federal Food Stamp Program. Call now to make an appointment!
- Utility Assistance - Persons with a shut-off notice for any metered utility may apply for utility assistance at our site. Funding comes from the U.S. Emergency Food & Shelter Program. Call to schedule an appointment.
- Goodwill Industries – 1600 Broadway Ave. Meet for Job Fair April 2, 9AM- 4PM
- Community Health Partners Hospital System – Meet with counselor April 30, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM to review eligibility for Medicaid and for financial aid with medical bills.
- For a complete and updated list of all programs and services, contact Ms. Becky Sigal at ext. 14.

Legal Clinic A Great Success!

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland held a legal clinic for those seeking advice on a variety of issues. The clinic happened at our site on Tuesday, March 11 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. 37 people received assistance from a team of dedicated attorneys in the course of two hours! Thanks go out to all who made this event an extraordinary success.

Volunteer Recognition

Ms. Mable Pyles recently received well deserved recognition from the United Way of Greater Lorain County for her many years of volunteer service at our site. Ms. Pyles and others in our county were presented awards at a dinner banquet held March 26, 2008 at the Elyria Holiday Inn. We’re grateful for Mable’s time, effort and energy each Monday morning as she goes about her work of preparing food for over 100 hungry individuals in the Lorain area. Photo: Ms. Mable providing orientation for new volunteers.

