



## Faith Connections September 2022

### Bellevue Public Library Donation Drive

During September, the Bellevue Public Library is partnering with Flat Rock Homes for a donation drive to help us prepare for cold and flu season. Items needed include cleaning and sanitizing items as well as paper products such as tissues, paper towels, wipes, etc. You may drop off your donated items in the lobby of the library (224 East Main Street, Bellevue, Ohio) during their regular business hours: Monday - Thursday 9 AM to 8 PM; Friday and Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM. Thank you for supporting Flat Rock!

You, too, can hold a church or organization donations drive! Drier, cooler air often brings chapped lips, irritated noses, and dry skin, making our other fall/winter needs a priority too. New body lotion, deodorant/antiperspirant, hand sanitizer, laundry detergent (baby and regular), and new lip balm are all needed. Contact [engagement@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:engagement@flatrockhomes.org) to arrange pick-up/drop-off. Rose or Sherri will be happy to help with pick-up if needed.



### Lakeside-Marblehead Lighthouse Festival

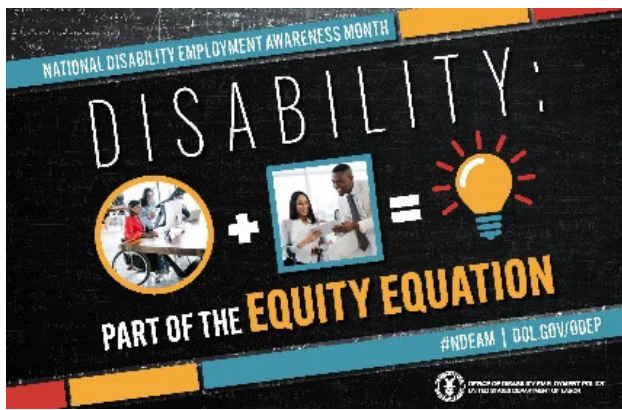
Lakeside-Marblehead Craft Show, October 8, 2022, 9 AM – 4 PM

Thousands of people are drawn each year to the Marblehead Peninsula Chamber of Commerce's Lakeside-Marblehead Lighthouse Festival. The Lighthouse is the oldest continuously working lighthouse on the Great Lakes. For more information: <https://lakesideohio.com/events/lakeside-marblehead-lighthouse-festival/?occurrence=2022-10-08>.

Flat Rock is pleased to participate in the Festival Craft Show on **Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 4 PM**. We will join other arts, crafts, and food vendors, as we share arts and crafts made by our residents, staff, and friends. Come along and enjoy the beautiful view of the lake from the pier while you browse and shop. Purchase a Flat Rock item to support our ministry and mission of serving those with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Many of the individuals we serve love to create special projects. This event provides a perfect way to display their work! Your purchase supports Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services. We look forward to seeing you there!

Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services 7353 County Road 29, P.O. Box 1, Flat Rock, Ohio 44828  
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October is **Disability Employment Awareness Month**. From the U.S. Department of Labor: "In recognition of the important role people with disabilities play in a diverse and inclusive American workforce, the theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) 2022 will be '**Disability: Part of the Equity Equation.**' Observed annually in October, NDEAM celebrates the contributions of America's workers with disabilities past and present and highlights supportive, inclusive employment policies and practices." For more information:

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam>

### Looking Ahead:

- Mark your calendars for #GivingTuesday, **November 29**. This year we are working towards technology upgrades throughout the Care Center and Community Services homes! More details are available at <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/givingtuesday/>
- Also, on **November 29**, at 11:30 AM, please plan to join us for an hour to kick off the Christmas season with Zoom Caroling! That "jolly old elf" will join us this year! The Zoom link will be shared closer to the event.
- Help provide a happy Christmas season to our individuals! Contact [mlarkin@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:mlarkin@flatrockhomes.org) or [scheveney@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:scheveney@flatrockhomes.org) to learn how!



### In Fond Memory



Leah "Iris" Andrews, Flat Rock Board Member for over 25 years, died on September 4, 2022. She will be forever loved and missed by her family, including her husband, Rev. David Andrews, who she married on August 21, 1965; her daughter, Barbara; her son, Steven; grandchildren, Grace and Steven, other relatives, and the many friends and colleagues she leaves behind. A Celebration to honor Iris will be held at noon, Saturday, October 1st at Union Avenue United Methodist Church, 1843 S. Union Avenue, Alliance, OH 44601 with Rev. Coralee Cox officiating. Calling hours are 10:00 AM-noon.

Cards may be mailed to:  
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802 South 15<sup>th</sup> Street #1823  
Sebring, OH 44672-2071

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