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Chicago Bulls legend Bob Love joins Marklund's team for the 'tee-it-up' 26th annual Golf Classic

[Bloomington, Ill., April 7, 2008] Marklund welcomes Bob Love, former Chicago Bulls forward and scoring legend, who presents the 26th Annual Marklund Golf Classic on **Monday, May 12, 2008**, at Hilton Chicago-Indian Lakes Resort, 250 W. Schick Road, Bloomington, Ill. In his partnership with Marklund, Love will serve as honorary chair and spokesperson for the Golf Classic.

Registration for the Marklund Golf Classic begins at **9 a.m.**; **shotgun start is at 10:45 a.m.**

The outing benefits Marklund, a not-for-profit network of services providing a full life experience for infants, children and adults with developmental disabilities.

"I support Marklund because I see the passion, dedication and care that each staff member at Marklund provides the severely disabled kids and adults," said Bob Korvas of Bob Korvas Insurance Agency, co-chair of the golf outing. "Few people ever accomplish what they do. Participation in the golf outing, on any level, is welcome. Newcomers who want to do 'something' important, with meaning and results, are welcome as well. Such involvement will go a long way toward Marklund's mission to serve these special people and keep performing 'little miracles' every day."

Bob Love played for the Chicago Bulls from 1969-1976 and led the team in scoring, racking up 12,623 points during his career. He is third in history for points scored for the Bulls, behind only Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen.

"Bob Love has a big heart, and we are deeply honored to have him on our team again this year," said Joel Rusco, CEO of Marklund. "He brings wonderful leadership to this outing."

The title sponsor for the 26th Annual Marklund Golf Classic is Porter Pipe & Supply Company of Addison. Other major sponsors are Hilton Chicago-Indian Lakes Resort and American Airlines.

"The support of Jim Porter and his company, Porter Pipe and Supply, has made a significant impact on the success of this annual golf outing," said George Webster of RAM Mechanical Services and co-chair of the outing. "He has offered again this year to be our title sponsor. His devotion to Marklund is unparalleled."

Sponsorship packages are available ranging from \$2,200 to \$10,000, each with perks galore. An individual golfer sponsor is \$525 per golfer; a non-attendee one hole sponsor is \$400; a non-attendee two hole sponsor is \$750; the “Full Table” (seating for eight) banquet-only sponsor is \$1,000; and the banquet-only individual sponsor is \$150.

In addition to golf, the day’s festivities will include on-the-course competitions, lunch, dinner, open bar, raffle prizes and a unique live auction.

The live auction will be conducted by the renowned David Goodman, owner of Auction Results in Chicago. He is one of a select number of professional auctioneers who devotes *all* his time to raising money for charities, as opposed to art, bankruptcy and real estate. He is a graduate of the Missouri Auction School which is considered to be one of the best in the country. He brings even more entertainment to the live auction with his talent for magic.

For more information or to register, call Ron Slucker at 773-474-7150 or visit www.marklund.org/golf.

About Marklund

While much has changed since Marklund’s founding in 1954, the mission of Marklund remains the same: provide quality, compassionate care for people with disabilities. Marklund’s services encompass the full realm of human needs, including loving medical care, home-like residential facilities, state-of-the-art habilitative therapies, quality educational and day services and exceptional community-based programs.

Marklund’s main campus in Geneva, Ill., consists of six 16-bed residential homes for adults with severe and profound developmental disabilities, as well as an educational and training center that provides for the intensive medical, social, emotional and physical needs of the residents.

In Bloomingdale, Ill., the Marklund Philip Center for Children encompasses the Children’s Home, a skilled pediatric nursing facility for infants, children and medically fragile adults; the Day School, an education program for children ages 3 - 21; and Marklund’s Respite program.

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