



## Parent Letter

June/July 2016

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

I hope you are all enjoying the warm weather and sunshine that we have been blessed with in the last few weeks! We have been enjoying the great outdoors as much as possible. Summer baseball is in full swing. We welcome anyone to cheer us on. Games are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on our Miracle League Field!

As expected, Summer Games was a huge success. It was a beautiful day and



the clients had a blast taking part in a variety of games and activities created within an America theme. Several videocasts taken that day were uploaded to our Facebook page and can still be viewed, giving those of you who didn't make it out that day a chance to see how much fun was had by all!

We are thankful for the participation of our families, staff, and volunteers,

especially the huge group from Christ Community Church in St. Charles, who helped make it all possible.

## Announcements:

We have some old faces in new places and we have a new QIDP starting in a few weeks!

Please join me in welcoming the following staff into their new positions:

**Stephanie Bushong**--Stephanie will be our new DT Program Manager beginning on July 5, 2016. Stephanie has worked for Marklund as a QIDP for the last couple of years and brings a wealth of knowledge to this position. She will replace Jodie Paetz, who will be staying with us in the capacity of an on-call Developmental Instructor.

**Ted Podolak**--Ted will take on Community Integration in a full-time capacity as the Community Integration Program Manager effective July 5, 2016. In his new role, Ted will be responsible for facilitating all Community Integration events for the Geneva campus, and overseeing all Therapeutic Activity Aides as well as the transportation department. We can't wait to see all of the amazing transformations to come under Ted's leadership!

**Gina Puffer**--Gina has been promoted to QIDP and will begin her new duties effective July 5, 2016. Gina has been with our organization for more than eight years and knows our clients extremely well. During her employment with Marklund, Gina has acquired her Bachelor's degree in Social Work. We are very excited for Gina to begin her new position!

**Elyse Baker** will also be joining our team as of July 11, 2016. Elyse comes to us from Countryside, where she also worked as a QIDP for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Elyse has great ideas and a strong knowledge of regulations and practices. We are certain she will flourish in her new position.

## Campus Updates:

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of our dear Mitch K. from MDH. Mitch was a part of the Marklund family for almost eight years. He will be

greatly missed by all of his housemates and the staff. Please keep Mitch and his family in your thoughts and prayers. His funeral arrangements are as follows:

- Visitation will be Wednesday from 3-8:30 p.m. at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral Home, 330 W. Golf Rd., Schaumburg.
- Funeral service 10:30 a.m., Thursday at the funeral home. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine.

### Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 10, 2016- Parent Meeting @10:00 a.m. Hyde Center
- Sept. 17, 2016- Marklund's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast
- Oct. 23, 2016- Marklund's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Run, Walk & Roll

We always have exciting events taking place. Please notify us if you are interested in participating in any activities we have to offer.

### Thank You for Your Help!

I would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to each and everyone one of you who contributed to making CNA Appreciation Week a huge success. I received a lot of positive feedback from the direct care staff. They enjoyed the gifts they received as well as all of the special events that took place throughout the week!

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

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