



Marklund Hyde Center

2018 Fall News Letter

Greetings!

It was wonderful to see so many of your faces at our Parent Meeting last week. Just a reminder our Quarterly Parent Meetings are held the 2nd Saturday in March, June, September, and December at the Hyde Center.

It is hard to believe the holidays will soon be upon us. Our Annual Open House is December 1, 2018

Our team is continuing to work hard on staff retention and staff appreciation. If there is an outstanding staff member in your loved one's life, please reach out to the QIDP for the home so we can recognize their efforts.

Residents received their annual flu vaccines thanks to our local Walgreens team

As cold and flu season approaches, please make use of the hand sanitizing stations at all of the building entrances when arriving to visit your loved one.

Be sure to follow us on Instagram and Twitter for additional pictures of resident activities and outings



Krissy Dolen, Director of Nursing

The next Parent Meeting with Gil will be held on December 15, 2018 at 10:00AM in the Board Room at MHC



Social Services Update



Hello, and Happy Fall!

I am still working on my quest to obtain State IDs for all MHC residential clients. If I have sent you a form regarding obtaining a birth certificate please be sure to send it back to me. I have also sent you all the 2018 Parent/Guardian Satisfaction Survey. Please be sure to fill this out for us. We love to share with our staff what you feel they are great at, and also so we are aware of any concerns you may have. All surveys are kept confidential unless you would like to identify yourself. If you have any questions please let me know!

Thank you,
Brittany Sullivan, SSPM





Community Integration

As Summer winds down we are gearing up for fun fall events here are Marklund. We have had a great summer with baseball games, Brookfield Zoo Trips, ice-cream outing and more. We are excited about Pumpkin Farm trips and football games planned for cool autumn days and nights. We have a group who has donated tickets for residents to attend the Bengtson's Pumpkin Farm in October and they will be meeting us there to share a fun day. Our Birthday outings have been so much fun for those celebrating i the same birthday month. Movie outings, restaurant visits, bowling outings are some of the outings we have had for these special birthdays.

Our vocational outings are also a highlight for our residents! Helping out at the Illinois Food Bank in Geneva continues and we volunteer three to four days a month. Last month we help package approximately 2100 pounds of food for those in need. Being able to be a part of something that serves so many really is important to Marklund and our residents. Our residents also continue to help at the Chapelstreet Food Pantry and we are looking to partner with them for more volunteer opportunities. We also continue to help out at Christ Community in St. Charles and Aurora to help with their children's ministries. Trips to Walmart for vending restocking continues as well as trips to the Dollar Tree to pick up orders. All of these recreational and vocational outings are fulfilling our mission "Making everyday life possible for individuals with profound disabilities". I am so proud and thankful to be a part of this special part of Marklund.

Codi Ash



Developmental Training Updates:



I would like to welcome Bridgette Tyndall as the new Developmental Instructor of classrooms 1 & 2. Bridgette has been employed with Marklund for two years, and has managed to gain experience and offer flexibility as a PSP, Therapy Aid, substitute QIDP, and now a DI. We are thrilled to have her as part of our DT Team!

The week of July 9th-13th, we were blessed with the presence of a volunteer group we refer to as LEAD 222. This group has been volunteering at Marklund for eight years, and this year consisted of church groups from Green Bay, WI and West Chicago, IL. We certainly appreciate the hands on help they provided assisting with spring cleaning of the homes, cleaning resident wheelchairs and engagement with the clients during a few baseball games, that would not have been possible without their assistance.

We are always striving to provide a variety of community opportunities for our residents and community clients. I am happy to share that a few lucky residents were able to partake in our Annual July Fishing Derby at Shabbona Lake. We are grateful to the Lions Club for this opportunity presented to us each year.

I also want to note our sincere thanks to Equine Dreams, who continually make an effort to visit Marklund DT on a regular basis. Equine Dreams is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization, which provides therapeutic horseback riding and equine assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) to children and adults with special needs.

Our residents and community clients light up when they get a chance to be in the presence of these mini-horses. Please reach out to me, if you would like to be present on day they attend our DT Program.

It is really something to see!

The Developmental Instructors have been busy incorporating curriculum and opportunities for the residents and community clients with the following monthly themes:
July-Culinary, August-Sports, and September-Occupations.

For more information, please check the Marklund website for our DT curriculum monthly calendars.

We are looking forward the upcoming "Silver Games" in which the Geneva Greenfield Residents will be visiting our Geneva campus to play baseball with our residents and community clients. Please reach out to me if you would like to visit on September 25th and be part of the festivities.

We are also looking forward to an outing on October 15th to Bengston's Pumpkin Farm to get in the Fall spirit!



Jeannie Stefanik, Developmental Training Manager



Updates from the Homes

From Lem...

MDH: The "Singles Group" members of the Christ Temple Apostolic Church of Joliet visited the Dreher Home on 8/18/18. With the assistance of our staff, they facilitated various game activities with our residents.

Some of the residents visited the Brookfield Zoo on 8/30/18.

MHH: Residents love the new and improved Snoozelen Room. The next pot luck will be held on 10/18/18

From Devyn...

MTH and MSH are both Decorated for the fall!! We are very excited to start all the fun fall activities!

From Sue...

Both MVH and MDH are busy cheering on the Cubs and the Bears and are beginning to prepare for Halloween and Marklund 5k. In September they celebrated the birthdays of Mike B, Tammy L and Brad M at MVH and at MDH Tyesha and Kate!

From Gina...

MRH: : We have transitioned to our fall decorations and are excited for our clients to participate in the upcoming 5k! We welcomed Sammy to MRH in September! MSH: We welcomed new resident Sara in August! we have completed our new Sensory room in the home and the clients love it!

