

Board of Directors,

Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- Since my last report, Marklund has received **\$1.1M** from the State of Illinois. Our aging for Residential and Developmental Training, through May 31, stands at \$4.4M; this is \$300K more than last month. We are continuing to monitor this very closely. We currently owe \$67K on our line of credit and have over \$4.9M available. The legislature has until the end of this month to pass a spending plan for FY18. Unfortunately, the outlook does not look positive.
- The construction at the **Marklund Day School – Elgin** expansion is continuing to go very well. The project should be wrapping up in the next couple weeks. Smartboards are being installed next week. We have submitted our application to the State Board of Education for the new campus. The new class rooms are scheduled to open in August.
- The **35th Annual Golf Classic** is NEXT WEEK! It will be held at the fabulous Cog Hill Golf & Country Club in Lemont on Wednesday, June 7. I want to thank **Bill Dolen** and **George Webster** for their continued leadership on the committee. We only have room for one more foursome on Course 1 and one on Dubsdread. Please let Jeannine (jzupo@marklund.org) know IMMEDIATELY if you would like to play or attend the buffet dinner/auction! The buffet dinner/auction portion of the event is from 4:30 - 6 pm. Tickets can be purchased for \$50. To date, we have a total of 193 golfers which is 20 more than last year.
- Marklund was named the – **Best of Bloomingdale 2017** – at the annual Chamber of Commerce awards ceremony on May 11. Marklund was one of the four finalists in the non-profit category which ended up going to the Bloomingdale Park District. We were disappointed. At the end of the evening the Chamber president announced that they were going to reveal the overall winner. She explained that the selection committee reviews all of the nominees in all categories and considered not just those that got the most votes but also had the most meaningful, impressive comments. So they pulled Marklund out of the non-profit category and named us the overall – *Best of Bloomingdale!* ☺ We were blown away!
- You are cordially invited to attend our **Summer Games** (our form of Special Olympics) on Saturday, June 10 (Geneva) or June 24 (Bloomingdale). The invitation is attached.
- I want to thank **Frank Murnane** for attending the Employee Appreciation dinner at the St. Andrews Golf and Country Club on Saturday (May 6) and presenting the Claire Haverkamp Award. We had three terrific finalists from Geneva, Bloomingdale and Elgin. It was not an easy decision. I want to thank **Carie Carney** and **Carol Donahue** who also served on the selection committee.
- Kelly sent out a very short **Survey Monkey** to the Board last month; all responses are anonymous. So far we have received 12 responses. Thanks so much! Your responses will help us in crafting the agenda for the August 18 **Board Retreat**. I will share the results at the June Board meeting. I have attached a link to the survey for your convenience: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T6Y3CFL>
- I will be leaving Sunday to attend the annual **AHCA** (American Health Care Association) **Congressional Briefing**, as part of the Illinois delegation, on June 5-6. I have appointments with our two Congressmen (Hultgren and Krishnamoorthi) and Senator Duckworth. Each of them have

toured at Marklund. It should be interesting. I will give a brief report at our Board meeting this month.

- The procedures for accessing the **board-only** section of the Marklund website is attached. Please let me or Kelly (kkramer@marklund.org or 630-593-5472) know if you have any problems or questions.
- Here are the remaining **Board dates** for **2017: June 29**, August 18 (Board Retreat), and **October 26** and the dates for **2018: January 25, April 5**, May 24 (Finance only), **June 28**, August 17 (Board retreat) and **October 25**. Outlook invitations for all of these dates have been sent.

We are grateful for ALL you do to advance our mission to...*make everyday life possible for individuals with profound disabilities.*

God bless you!

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