



Parent Letter

February 2017

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

We are pleased to announce that Marklund has a new logo! Our logo made its debut at Marklund's Top Hat Ball this past Saturday and we are really excited to share it!

With an updated look, it features our same bright orange and purple colors that we've had in our brand for many years, but now includes an orange triangle to signify our three main services: residential, vocational & educational. The two-toned underline gives a nod to the reason for our organization's name: our first client--a young man by the name of Mark Lund.

It's survey time at the Hyde Center. Staff and clients are busy preparing for IDPH. We have been completing lots of mock surveys, meal observations, and training for staff and clients. IDPH just exited at MDH for our annual licensure survey, and we are thrilled to share that we only received one tag! Congrats to our amazing staff and clients on a job well done!

The Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Unit is coming to the Hyde Center on March 16, 2017, to create State Identification cards for our clients who do not currently have one. At this time, we have reviewed all client files to make sure that we have all needed forms of identification. In the event that we may be missing an item, the QIDP assigned to your loved one will be reaching out to you. We appreciate your assistance in supplying all requested documents.

Development Announcements:

The **21st Annual Top Hat Ball** brought in \$646,700 in net revenue for Marklund! It was a great event with so many generous people coming together to support our mission.

Our Year-end Direct Mail Appeal also performed very well, bringing in over \$183,000.

Upcoming Events:

For those of you who are motorcycle enthusiasts, the **30th Annual Little Angel's Pledge Run** is on Sunday, May 21st at the Woodstock Harley Davidson. Visit: www.LaPledgeRun.com for event details and to register/purchase raffle tickets to support Marklund.

Raffle Tickets are only **\$10 each** and you can enter for a chance to win:

1st Prize: 2017 Harley-Davidson Heritage Softail Classic **OR** \$10,000 in Cash

2nd Prize: 'Month Long' 30 Day Bike Rental

3rd Prize: Harley-Davidson Rec Room Package

4th Prize: \$1,000 in Cash

The 35th Annual Golf Classic has a new date and venue! The event will be held on Wednesday, June 7th at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club in Lemont, IL. The new format will feature brunch, a shot-gun start and cocktail reception with auction. Stay tuned for more details!

Campus Updates:

Direct Care Staffing Update:

We are seeing great staff coming out of the DSP training and so many applicants. We have only a few open positions at this time.

The preceptors have played a huge role in the training process for our PSPs which insures all clients' individual needs are met. Recently, we rolled out a new training/orientation program for all new employees and its going great! We are always seeking new ways to improve training for our staff to provide the best care for your loved one!

Community Integration:

Staff made a presentation about the C.I. program to the Board of Directors last month. The response was favorable and the Board enjoyed learning more about the program and its offerings.

C.I. clients will be participating in a Carson's Days promotion this month, stay tuned for updates. We will be selling coupon books and proceeds will go back to Marklund.

Upcoming Events:

Field Museum

The Chicago Steel Hockey game,

The Chicago Auto Show, and spring time at the

Brookfield Zoo.

Special thanks to all of you who helped support our soap production. We are pleased to report that we had \$432 in soap sales during the holidays!

Developmental Training Updates:

I am pleased to announce that Kim Troutman has joined our team as the Hyde Center Developmental Training Program Manager! Kim began her official duties on January 18, 2017. Kim has several years' experience running day programs and most recently worked for Day One/Pact as a Service Coordinator. Please join me in welcoming Kim to our team!

Earlier this month, classrooms were in full production making cards for Gil's 60th birthday and Valentine's Day. Classrooms also learned about the Year of the Rooster (Chinese New Year 2017). Everyone had fun with Super Bowl talk and commercial ratings!

Volunteer activity includes piano playing during lunch on Tuesdays. Book reading and a group from Waubensee Community College came in to read and give Valentine cards to all clients.

Parent Portal:

Please remember to check the Parent Portal for regular updates as it pertains to client activities and outings.

Upcoming Events:

On March 11, 2017, we will be holding a Quarterly Parent Meeting at MHC at 10 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Please plan to attend! Wendy Berk will be joining us and presenting information about HIPAA and Marklund's confidentiality practices. We will also have a presentation given by Ted Podolak about our Community Integration Department and all the exciting events taking place on campus. We hope you will be able to join us!

We were fortunate to have Attorney Mark Russell join us at the December Quarterly Parent Meeting. Mark shared with families important information pertaining to Special Needs Trusts and he answered guardianship questions asked by parents. In the event that you would like to contact Mark for current or future needs, you may contact him at:

Mark Russell, Special Needs Legal and Future Planning:
<http://www.MarkRussellattorney.com>

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

Keep up with Marklund happenings on our social media sites: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube!

Hoping you all have a Happy Valentine's Day!

Sincerely,

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