

## *Joe's Story*

Elmhurst residents Joe and Barbara Vinci have been friends of Marklund for more than 10 years. Several years ago, Joe's aunt and uncle left them a large bequest, but they never felt that the money belonged to them. Years earlier, their child– Joe's cousin, Harold– had been institutionalized as a young boy, with what today is diagnosed as Autism. Although very young, Joe was saddened that Harold was “sent away.” As a personal tribute to Harold, Joe and Barbara joined the Marklund Always planned-giving society to give back to individuals with developmental disabilities, and make sure they are given not only quality care, but every opportunity to live full and meaningful lives.