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Meet the newest staff members on the Marklund Team!



Rodricka Gates- PSP, MHC

I have a five-year-old boy and a two-year-old boy. I am from Joliet, but am currently residing in Plainfield. I have worked at Cornerstone Services, Interim Healthcare, Suburban Home Health Care. I am often taking my children places, listening to music, and reading.



Desiree Trzaska- PSP, MWC

I have a fiancé, mother, brother, and sister. I've lived in Las Vegas and Texas. I recently moved back to Illinois in March.



Nicole Niemann- Staff Nurse, MHC

I am not married, but have a long term significant other. We live in Plano and have four cats. I have lived in Plano all my life and now own two homes there. I have worked at Open Door Rehabilitation center in Sandwich, Bethany Rehab in Dekalb, Mercy in Aurora, and I am currently working full-time as an E.R. nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital. My hobbies include gardening, craft making, and going to antique and flea markets.



Lorin Bergschneider- PSP, MHC

I am divorced and have a 12-year-old son. He is a great and kind kid. My parents live in Peoria and my younger brother lives in Chicago. I was born in Hong Kong, and have lived in five different countries growing up. My parents are from the South Side of Chicago and I live in Geneva. I have worked at Hastings Lake YMCA as a head counselor and lifeguard, eight years as a nanny for four kids, and as a personal caregiver for 2 years. My hobbies include volunteering at Anderson Animal Shelter, being a certified level 3 animal cruelty investigator, swimming, traveling, and doing new things with my son.



Lizzy Kuhn- TAA, MHC

I have lived in the Chicagoland area for 24 years. I have worked backstage at a theatre, in a library, and have done private home care. I love to sing, read, and do all sorts of creative projects. I love to dance and go for walks out in nature.

Benefits Enrollment **COMING SOON!**

ONLINE ENROLLMENT STARTS MAY 14, 2018

More Information inside!

April 26, 2018

After a record breaking number of nominations last month, we had our second largest group of nominees this month with 150 nominees! A heartfelt thank you to all of you who take the time to place to make a recommendation.

No matter who is picked I want every awardee to know that just by being recognized you are a winner. Thanks again to those who took the time to recognize one of your fellow staff. Each of you are to be commended as well. Marklund really has an amazing staff and each of you help me to get a small glimpse into just how amazing our staff is. As I go through the cards each month I not only notice the names of those being recognized but I also make a special note of those who make the nomination.

I selected three outstanding honorees this month: **Armand Bureros** (MPC), **Pam Kile** (MHC) & **Brittany Maertzig** (MWC).

Armand is a long time CNA (DSP) at MPC. Overall, people love to work with Armand. His nominator said that he "shows tremendous amount of compassion to clients!! Amazing CNA to work with!" Armand also got enough votes to be in the top 10% of those in the running for the Claire Haverkamp Award this year. He is recognized for his **compassion and teamwork**.

Pam is a houseparent at MHC. She had three nominations. She actually cancelled the PTO she had gotten approved for her husband's surgery to "make sure she was here for the IDPH survey!!" The nominator went on to say that she "knows her home and her clients and supports the team every day, but this was an exceptional example of her dedication." She is recognized for her **accountability** and **teamwork**.

Brittany is a QIDP at MWC. She was driving the bus for a school outing when a distracted driver hit the side of her bus. Her nominator said that, "by all reports, [Brittany's] defensive driving skills prevented the bus from rolling over... She was also able to kept the clients calm and safe." She is being recognized for her **attitude** and **accountability**.

Again, congratulations to all but a special commendation to **Armand, Pam, and Brittany**.



Gil

“YOU CAUGHT MY EYE”

In honoring the true spirit of this award, we are recognizing both the nominee and nominator acknowledged this month in our “President’s Perspective” section of Connections

Join us in Congratulating March 2018 Winners:



Armand Bureros



Brittany Maertzig



Pam Kile

Nominators: Krissy Dolen, Diana Galto, Shelly Lewis, Sam Mooney, Britt Sullivan

Congratulations to all of our staff nominated for a “YOU CAUGHT MY EYE”

Tyler Adamson, Kayla Atkins, Vicki Bersch, Kristy Beuning, Ralph Beyer, Cassie Bieberstein, Paula Bodzioch, Alyson Brown, Armand Bureros, Maritza Camacho, Brenna Cardwell, Marissa Cassin, Gigi Castillo, Beatrice Chen, Diana Claros, Kayla Clifton, Rose Cousins, Lisa Cress, Daisy Cruz, Jennifer Dailey, Janet DePaz Zeferino, Mike Dixon, Krissy Dolen, Delice Enoch, Nicole Fedanzo, Paula Garcon, Shannon Gardner, Wioletta Gerus, Jasmine Gomez, Kayla Gomez, Maria Gonzalez, Rosemary Guastaferrri, Amy Hammerquist, Mike Hemme, Elizabeth Jacobson, Jasmine Jewison, Rachele Jewison, Brea Jones, Alyssa Kenney, Pam Kile, Mary Kobbeman, Meghan Kugach, Kate Lake, Barbara Lechowicz, Char Lukas, Brittany Maertzig, Lauren Maheras, Chris Martin, Lena McNichols, Joseph Meiners, Lynn Melvin, Sarah Milligan, Maureen Morris, Mary Motyka, Cindy Novak, Laura Nykaza, Meredith Odierna, Megan O'Donnell, Mario Orellana, Darya Osman, Lem Pablo, Jalpa Pandya, Joel Pinto, Ted Podolak, Alyssa Rasavady, Jessica Redmond, Nate Rehkopf, Jen Riley, Regan Roath, Paul Rogers, Bonnie Rott, Susan Rushford, Adam Rusthoven, George Santiago, Jayona Sayachack, Kristine Scala, Leslie Scheffel, Debbie Siegmeier, Kayland Smith, Jeannie Stefanik, Maddie Stein, Kelly Striker, Brittany Sullivan, Peggy Szarzynski, Jen Thompson, Linda Tolley, Bridgette Tyndall, Jacque Van De North, Phouangmaly Vanmanisone, Sarah Vitacco, Darren Walker, Johnathan Walsh, Vicki Watts, Melissa Webb, Christine Wilkins, Angela Williams, Leslie Worden, Nicole Worthem, Anthony Wright

Thank you to those who took the time to nominate their fellow co-workers

Jaclyn Angioletti, Codi Ash, Morgan Ball, Cassidy Blair, Paula Bodzioch, Dena Bonnike, Barbara Cardwell, Donna Ceisel, Beatrice Chen, William Cobb, Molly Dimpsey, Devyn Doering, Krissy Dolen, Meghan Edwards, Kelly Fitzgerald, Gil Fonger, Jennifer Gallandez, Diana Galto, Kevin Gatto, Jordan Gonzini, Jessie Goff, Kayla Gomez, Ellie Gretz, Rachele Jewison, Laura Kaczmarek, Jamie Keller, Mary Kobbeman, Dawn Lassiter-Brueske, Shelley Lewis, Maria Loiacono, Char Lucas, Brittany Maertzig, Laura Maheras, Melanie Marion, Tina McCue, Laurie McKeon, Lena McNichols, Joseph Meiners, Samantha Miller, Susan Molenkamp, Nancy Montes, Sam Mooney, Mary Motyka, Amanda Nordmeyer, Michelle Orwig, Gunjan Patel, Bernadette Pauls, Susan Paustian, Norma Jean Pepsnik, Joel Pinto, Jessica Redmond, Rae Rhule, Jen Riley, Esmeralda Romero, Susan Rushford, Adam Schulz, Lois Sheaffer, Debbie Siegmeier, Jeannie Stefanik, Mandy Stein, Brittany Sullivan, Lindsie Teson, Nancy Vincej, Melissa Webb, Terry Wilkinson, Patrice Williams, Angela Williams, Nicole Worthem



Another Great Comcast Cares Day at our Elgin campus!

Thank you to MWC staff, residents, team leads, and volunteers for the 10th year hosting this event. It would not have been possible without all of their dedication and time. The day ran so smoothly because of their hard work!

Lisa Esposito
Volunteer Engagement Specialist



Biggest Loser Competition Update

Congrats to our losers at the halfway point!

We have 39 remaining participants across the three campuses who have lost a total of 108 lbs!

Who will win the three top prizes this year?

Keep up the great work!



#RepresentMarklund!

Gil Fonger
CEO/President

represented Marklund recently in
Turks and Caicos Islands

**On your next vacation or getaway,
bring Marklund along!**

Take a photo of yourself wearing Marklund attire, and we'll include it in an upcoming edition of Connections. We want to see how many places and just how far our Marklund brand can reach!

*Email your pics to Dawn Lassiter-Brueske,
Director of Marketing & Communications,
at dlassiter@marklund.org.*

Benefits Enrollment **COMING SOON!**

OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES MAY 14–JUNE 1

Required attendance at May All-Staff Meetings

- May 14 - MDS (3 pm)
- May 15 - MPC (10:30 am)
MWC (1 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm)
- May 16 - MHC (8 am)
MPC (10:30 pm)
- May 17 - MHC (3 pm)
- May 18 - MHC (10 am)

All full-time employees must re-enroll in Benefit Plans for the new benefit year, **effective July 1st.**

Note: even if you do not take Marklund's insurance plans, you will still need to log on to Enterprise Web Benefits during the Open Enrollment period and waive the optional plans. You will also update your Life Insurance beneficiary on the Web Benefits site.

You must have your Paylocity username and password to log in.

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The May PTO Conversion forms are now available under the **News section** on the **Employee Self-Service Portal**.

All employees who would like to participate in the May PTO Conversion must return their signed forms to Payroll, no later than 9 A.M. on **Wednesday, May 16th**

Any questions please contact Shannon Gardner, ext. 5460.



Marklund Staff Packet Pick-Up

Event shirt only purchases and registration packets for staff and staff families' will be available for pick-up on Friday, April 27th at the front desk at all three facilities.

If you cannot pick up your packet on Friday at your primary work location, packets will not be brought to Bloomingdale. Thank you!

Staff Race Day Parking

Please do not park at Marklund Philip Center

Park at the following lots Sunday morning:

- DuJardin Elementary School
166 Euclid Ave., Bloomingdale
- Bloomingdale Park District
172 S. Circle Ave., Bloomingdale

Please contact Stephanie, sheinz@marklund.org,

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AND ROLL

Marklund BLOOMINGDALE

Sunday,
APRIL 29th

Marklund
Philip Center

8:00 a.m. Start

Not a golfer?

That's ok – come join us for a buffet dinner and the auction from 4-6 pm.

Wednesday, June 6, 2018



Golf Classic
HOME OF THE PORTER CUP
Presented by



“May the Course be with you!”

COG HILL GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB • 12294 Archer Avenue • Lemont, IL 60439

\$650 Individual Golfer (Course 1)

\$55 Dinner only Ticket

9 a.m.

Registration, Brunch Buffet & Auction

11 a.m.

Shot-Gun Start

4 p.m.

**Dinner, Auction &
Awards under the Big Tent**

Bowl for Marklund with Baird & Warner!

Grab your friends or come alone and meet some new ones at the 8th Annual "Strikes or Spares" bowling fundraiser for Marklund. All staff, friends and families are welcome to join this fundraiser that benefits ALL of Marklund's three locations.

When: Wednesday, May 16th

Where: St. Charles Bowl

Time: 6-10 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 which include 3 games, shoe rental, and food and beverage! Please make checks out to: Larry Smith and turn in checks/cash to the front desk at any campus.



Questions? Contact Stephanie Heinz, Manager of Community Events, sheinz@marklund.org

Calling Out An "SOS" *Strikes or Spares IV*

For Marklund™

Please join us! Fox Valley Baird & Warner is hosting another fun filled bowling night open to all Marklund Clients, Staff, Families & Friends!

I would like to purchase _____ ticket(s) \$30 ea.
 I have enclosed \$_____.

Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Wednesday May 16th!

6-10 p.m.

**St. Charles Bowl
2520 W. Main Street
St. Charles, IL 60174**

Forms can be dropped off at Marklund's Front Desk or to Stephanie!

Your tickets will be available at the door the night of the event.

**Please make checks out to Larry Smith at Baird & Warner for expense purposes.*

Stephanie Heinz: 630.593.5473

sheinz@marklund.org

Ticket purchase Includes:

- 3 games of bowling!
- Rental Shoes!
- Great Food from local restaurants!

In addition there will be a cash bar & raffles!

All are welcome!

Net Proceeds Benefit Marklund



Corn and Black Bean Guacamole

RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 red bell pepper, minced
- 1/2 red onion, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 (15.25 ounce) can sweet corn, drained
- 1/2 (15 ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 3 ripe avocados, peeled, pitted and sliced
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 pinch ground black pepper, or to taste
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro, or more to taste (optional)



DIRECTIONS

- Stir red bell pepper, red onion, garlic, sweet corn, black beans, and avocado slices together in a large bowl.
- Mix lime juice, salt, black pepper, and cilantro into avocado mixture until desired texture is achieved.

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