

Meet the newest staff members on the Marklund Team!



Mady Stein- LS Teacher MDS

I have an older sister who lives on the East coast. I grew up in Lockport and went to Lewis University. I have worked at Elim Christian Services in Crestwood and Gigi's Playhouse in Tinley Park, which is a Down Syndrome achievement center.



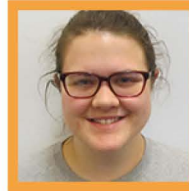
Blanca Garza- PSP MHC

I am a single mother to my 10-year-old son. He's an awesome kid. I am born and raised from Aurora. I have worked as a dental assistant, in a nursing home, and at AID. I enjoy cooking, reading, doing make-up, gardening, and singing.



Oneida Melecio- Paraprofessional MDS

I have a six-year-old daughter, a three-year-old son, and a one-year-old daughter. I have been married for six years. My little brother has special needs and has bilateral frontal polymicrogyria. I'm from Skokie but currently reside in Hanover Park. I have worked as a teacher's assistant at a daycare. I love to crochet and do photography.



Bernadette Pauls- PSP MHC

I am the fourth of five children and I'm the most "go-with-the-flow" out of all of us. I am from Sugar Grove and have worked at Kohl's. I like to sing and read (when I have time) and I'm always down for a random adventure.



Alexandria Hodge- PSP MWC

I'm a single mother to a five-year-old daughter and have two older brothers. I live in Elgin and have worked at School District U-46, Larkin Center, and as a full-time nanny. I enjoy dirt biking, four wheeling, hunting, fishing, hiking, cooking, anything to make my daughter laugh, and hanging out with family.



Bonnie Rott- PSP MHC

I am close with my mom's side of the family and have a brother with cerebral palsy who I've helped take care of my whole life. I am from Oswego. I've worked in warehouses, retail, and at a dog spa. I enjoy playing with my cats, reading, going for drives, hiking, and singing.



Linda Wisinski- PSP MWC

I have three children and one grandson. I was born in Chicago and raised in Carpentersville. I currently live in McHenry County. I do respite work for the Dept. of Rehab. I have worked in an assisted living facility, as well as CILAs. I have also worked in medical manufacturing at Baxter and Catalent. I enjoy cooking, traveling, dining out, and going to the movies.



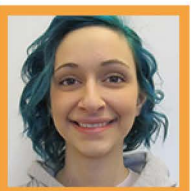
Angela Kopulos- Paraprofessional MDS

I am a single mom. I have a 15-year-old daughter, a 14-year-old son, 13-year-old son, and an 11-year-old daughter. I grew up in Schaumburg but I currently live in Roselle. I have been a lunch supervisor at St. Walter School for seven years. I enjoy coaching my daughter's cheerleading squad, working out and hiking with my kids.



Angelique Jones- PSP MWC

My family is very loving and multicultural. We enjoy helping one another, and being close. I'm from Chicago. My father is Nigerian and my mother is African American. I have worked at White Oaks, Victory Center of Bartlett, Macy's, and Piercing Pagoda. I enjoy singing, dancing, working out, helping the homeless, and writing poems.



Hannah Sanders-Mud- PSP MHC

I am from St. Charles and have worked at Centegra Hospital, Harvest In-Home Care, and Target. I play the piano, sing, draw, do art, and volunteer.

Additional new hires include:

Brea Jones – PSP MHC

Darya Osman – TAA MHC

ANNIVERSARY LIST

Adekoya, Babatunde	02/01/2011
Banayat, Jo Anne	02/09/2009
Brown, Virginia	02/19/2007
Espinal, Ana	02/22/2016
Fonger, Gilbert	02/21/2011
Gardner, Shavon	02/22/2016
Garza, Gloria	02/06/2003
Hernandez, Gloria M.	02/01/2016
Kaczmarek, Laura	02/21/2005
Kurywczak, Oksana	02/23/2015
Lane, Jennifer M.	02/26/2007
Lukas, Charlene	02/10/2014
Mau, Rachael L.	02/01/2016
Mendez, Ricarda	02/20/2016
Moore, Rita	02/22/2016
Olenek, Emily S.	02/20/2017
Orwig, Michelle L.	02/22/2017
Otto, Jocelyn	02/20/2017
Pablo, Lemuel	02/08/1993
Pasano, Paul	02/25/2013
Pepsnik, Norma Jean	02/25/2002
Peterson, Porshay	02/06/2017
Rehkopf, Nathan	02/20/2017
Reszke, Kelly J.	02/05/2015
Reyes, Victoria	02/10/1992
Rodriguez, Jessica	02/01/2011
Silva, Daniel	02/20/2017
Spurlock, Virginia r.	02/23/2004
Thomas, Scott D.	02/20/2017
Vargas, Estefani	02/27/2012
Vicker, Rosemarie	02/06/1984

February 2, 2018

It is hard to believe that I am beginning my eighth year at Marklund. It still feels like I'm just getting started.

This weekend will be our **22nd Annual Top Hat Ball**, my eighth. It is being held at the Marriott Marquis next to McCormick Place. With more than 600 in attendance, it is our largest single event both in terms of the number of attendees and funds raised; we expect to net over **\$625,000**.

I am very pleased that 35 staff were able to take advantage of the discount tickets we made available (even below our costs) and are coming.

Not only does it raise a lot of money for Marklund to help cover the \$3 million gap we have to raise each year between what it costs to bring this kind of care and what we get reimbursed from the state of Illinois (\$17,000 for every client!), but it is also a wonderful opportunity to show what we do at Marklund to a great number new potential friends.

Since most of you will not be able to attend, I wanted to share a brief portion of my remarks:

This has been a very tough year for natural disasters with devastating hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, wildfires, floods and mud slides. And yet, in the midst of the hurt, hardship and chaos I am reminded that there are still those individuals who make the decision to run toward those in need.

Last year, we merged with Little Angels Center for Exceptional Care that was founded in 1958 by Pat and Bob Wasmond when they were presented with a little girl who needed their help. They made the decision to run toward the need. Over 63 years ago, in 1954, Claire Haverkamp ran toward the needs of a new born boy by the name of Mark William Lund who needed her help. By being here tonight, you have demonstrated that you are cut from the same cloth as our founders. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for responding to the needs of the over 250 children and adults whom we serve and helping us to meet the ever growing challenges we face. We are deeply grateful that you decided to be a part of this very special evening.

Thank you for making Marklund such a special place. You, too, made the decision to **run toward the need**. I am grateful to each of you for making that decision.

God bless you!



Gil

GOOD IDEA!

I would like to thank Dee Farrey, TAA, and Caitlin Vick, DT PSP, for their suggestions to make the MHC afternoon transport more efficient. It appears to be working like a charm! Thank you ladies!

Jeannie Stefanik

Developmental Training Program Manager

Great News

Congratulations to Dr. Dena Bonnike, Marklund's Speech-Language Pathologist & Therapy Manager! Dena's article based on school aged children from our Bloomingdale MDS location will be published in the next issue of International Journal of Special Education! What a great accomplishment. We are very proud of Dena!

Gunjan Patel

Administrator, Marklund Philip Center &
Director of Therapy

Professional Development



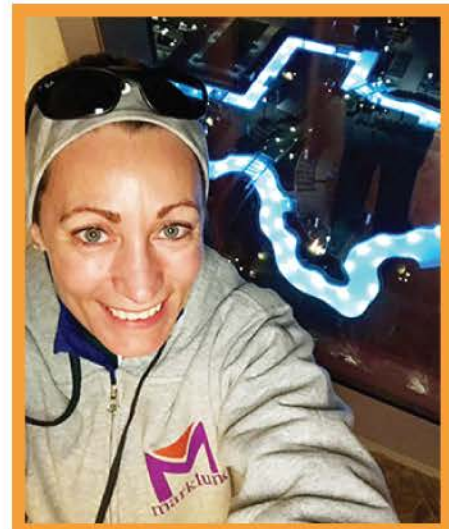
Congratulations to **Vera Djackova, RN**, Lead nurse at Marklund Day School, on earning her Bachelors in Nursing Science (BSN) degree from Purdue University.

Rose Cousins

Director of Nursing at the Philip Center

#RepresentMarklund!

Heather Graves,
Chief Development Officer
represented Marklund well in Houston,
Texas recently at the marathon.



**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. Whether it's a weekend excursion, family reunion, business trip or vacation of a lifetime, it's a perfect chance to wear that Marklund gear! We want to see how many places and just how far our Marklund brand can reach! And feel free to post your photo on your social media page using #representmarklund.

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

BABY NEWS!



Congratulations

to **Hannah Bonner, RN at MHC**, on the birth of her baby boy. Warren Lee Bonner was born January 16 at 8:33 pm! He was 22 inches long and weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces.

Rachelle Jewison

Administrator of
Marklund Hyde Center and
Community-Based Services



VOICE OF THE EMPLOYEE SURVEY

DATE: FEBRUARY 5 - 23
FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE BELOW:

Marklund will conduct an employee survey from
February 5th- February 23rd.

Eligible employees will receive an email from
VoiceOfTheEmployee@marklund.org on
February 5th with a link to complete the survey.

To show appreciation for employee feedback, employees who complete the survey will be able to reserve a Marklund jacket when they show the printed confirmation of their survey to a location representative. **(Please note-the jacket is complimentary for taking the survey, but employees will need to order their jacket to ensure correct size.)** Representatives for each location are as follows: **MWC- Denise, MHC- Mary or Susan, MPC- Rose, MDS- Peggy.**

**ALL RESPONSES TO SURVEY ARE 100%
ANONYMOUS**



Claire Haverkamp Commemorative Award — Round 1, 2018

Your Name: _____

Please circle **UP TO THREE (3)** individuals from the eligible employees listed below whom you believe demonstrate the character of the Marklund founding family and should be honored with the Claire Haverkamp Commemorative Award. The top 10% of employees will move on to Round 2.

Turn in your ballot to a Culture Box by **2/12/18**.

NAME—Length of Service—Location

Sandi Adamowicz—32—MWC
 Babatunde Adekoya—7—MHC
 Gina Allen—14—MHC
 Tammy Armstrong—42—MWC
 Jennifer Atterberry—14—MDS
 Jo Anne Banayat—9—MPC
 Deborah Banke—14—MWC
 Kerry Burg—14—MHC
 Wendy Berk—19—MHC
 Kristy Beuning—17—MWC
 Dena Bonnike—13—MHC
 Charity Bothwell—15—MDS
 Virginia Brown—11—MHC
 Armand Bureros—17—MPC
 Brenda Cardoza—12—MHC
 Giselle Castillo—7—MHC
 Linda Chinn—12—MHC
 Mary Lynn Chow—28—MDS
 Laura Contreras—13—MWC
 Sharron Coulter—8—MHC
 Rose Cousins—19—MPC
 Joan Crain—16—MWC
 Julie Currao—25—MWC
 Adrian Dabao—10—MHC
 Patricia Dahmen—8—MHC
 Marianne Davis—12—MHC
 Maria Diaz—18—MWC
 Michael Dixon—16—MHC
 Randy Drangoo—13—MHC
 Shelly Durnil—18—MWC
 Edyta Dziarkowski—13—MPC
 Joan Ebel—19—MWC
 Delice Enoch—14—MHC
 Arley Erickson—13—MWC
 Lisa Esposito—18—MPC
 Vicky Farrelly—46—MWC
 Deanna Farrey—32—MHC
 LaTasha Ford—10—MWC
 Jennifer Gallandez—19—MHC
 Shannon Gardner—12—MHC

Gloria Garza—15—MWC
 Kathryn Garza—15—MHC
 Darlene George—12—MWC
 Eleanor Gretz—19—MWC
 Ruth Gustafson—49—MHC
 Kathryn Hamilton—32—MWC
 Marion Harris—7—MPC
 Ernesto Hernandez—10—MHC
 Bobby Hilsabeck—23—MHC
 Michael Jones—9—MHC
 Tirley Joseph—8—MWC
 Leticia Juarez—16—MWC
 Laura Kaczmarek—13—MHC
 Irene Kasnicka—38—MPC
 Sithivan Keorajavongsay—18—MWC
 Pamela Kile—11—MHC
 Jan Knudson—20—MDS
 Wesley Kochan—19—MHC
 Cassandra Koenig—9—MHC
 Tami Kraus—22—MWC
 Vicki Krystof—13—MHC
 Yanary Labrador—10—MHC
 Pamela Lamarca—11—MHC
 Barbara Lechowicz—19—MDS
 Audrey Lind—10—MHC
 Marie Loiacono—7—MHC
 Alicia Madison—7—MHC
 Susan Mariotti—26—MDS
 Jose Martinez—9—MHC
 Janet McAllister—8—MDS
 Laura McKeon—20—MHC
 Diana Melendez—17—MWC
 Lynn Melvin—28—MHC
 Sue Molenkamp—27—MHC
 Martha Moreno DePortillo—8—MWC
 Jodi Narofsky—15—MWC
 Lucita Nievera—15—MDS
 Catherine Nikrandt—23—MHC
 Lizette Nunez—8—MWC
 Julie O'Brien—27—MPC
 Mario Orellana—17—MWC

Lemuel Pablo—25—MHC
 Jalpa Pandya—18—MHC
 Annette Parmantie—36—MWC
 Ringo Pasano—18—MHC
 Susan Paustian—8—MHC
 Luis Perez—12—MHC
 Enedelia Ramirez—25—MWC
 Alyssa Rasavady—8—MDS
 Victoria Reyes—26—MHC
 Joselyn Rodriguez—7—MWC
 Mariel Rodriguez—8—MHC
 Natalie Rubino—16—MPC
 Susan Rushford—7—MHC
 Leslie Scheffel—14—MWC
 Laura Schreiner—24—MWC
 Alyssa Schwabe—11—MWC
 Kim Seiber—19—MPC
 Denise Settanni—41—MWC
 Kim Smith-Smetkowski—17—MHC
 Virginia Spurlock—14—MHC
 Sheila Srinivas-Rao—7—MHC
 Peggy Szarzynski—29—MHC
 Helen Taillon—32—MWC
 Jen Thompson—10—MHC
 Linda Tolley—17—MDS
 Florence Toussaint—8—MHC
 Phouangmaly Vanmanisone—22—MWC
 Joanna Vicker—22—MHC
 Robert Wasmond—17—MWC
 Christine Wilkins—18—MHC
 Roxanne White—12—MWC
 Patrice Williams—9—MHC
 Jeannine Zupo—22—MHC



UPCOMING EVENTS

REGISTRATION is open!



AMITA HEALTH presents

RUN 5K/1 MILE WALK AND ROLL Marklund BLOOMINGDALE

Dust the snow off your running shoes and look to Spring!

Register & Fundraise at marklund.org/5K or fill out a payroll status form located here or at any campus's front desks.

"Staff who register through the payroll status form by February 9th will receive \$10 off either division!"

April 29, 2018

Location: **Marklund Philip Center**

8:00 a.m. Start

5K: \$35

1 Mile: \$25

Questions? Contact Stephanie, sheinz@marklund.org

MARKLUND - STATUS CHANGE AUTHORIZATION

Check Employee Home Location:

MPC MHC MWC MDS MTH
 MSH MHH MMC3 MRH MVH

Status Prior to Change: for name change, employee must go to Human Resources to complete all Benefit Change Forms

Employee Name		Employee SSN	Today's Date	Effective Date of Change Same as Today's Date
Dept. No.	File No.	Job Title	Position No.	Shift
F.T.E.	Badge No.	Base Rate		

Labor Allocation:

MHC _____% MDS _____% MVH _____% MSH _____% MRH _____%
 MCH _____% MMC3 _____% MHH _____% MTH _____%

PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

Dept. No.	File No.	Job Title	Shift	Dept. No.
F.T.E.	Badge No.	Base Rate		

I AM ENROLLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARKLUND RUN, WALK, & ROLL- Bloomingdale ON APRIL 29, 2018. PLEASE DEDUCT THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT ONCE FOR MY ENROLLMENT FEE.

(PLEASE CIRCLE THE ENROLLMENT LEVEL YOU CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN)

\$35.00 – PARTICIPATE IN THE 5K with shirt \$25.00- PARTICIPATE IN THE 1 Mile with shirt

***Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL**

AGE ON RACE DAY: _____

YOUR CELL #: _____ YOUR EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME/PHONE: _____

Employee Signature (required)

 Manager/Supervisor Signature (required) Date

 Human Resources Signature (required) Date
 HRF0040

 VP/Executive Signature (all raises over stated guidelines) Date
 Revised 04/07/2017

Hoffman-Schaumburg Lions Super-Bowling for the Wasmond Center!

Looking for a fun way to watch the Super Bowl this year?
Join us at Poplar Creek Bowl to watch football and bowl with clients to support
Marklund on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4th.



8th Annual Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club

SUPERBOWling

with the Little Angels Party & Silent Auction

With a portion of the proceeds benefitting the
Marklund Wasmond Center at Little Angels

**Sunday, February 4, 2018
at 4:00pm**

Poplar Creek Bowl

Barrington Square Mall Shopping Center
2354 W. Higgins Rd., Hoffman Estates



If you love football, enjoy the game and good food with your friends and family at Poplar Creek Bowl. The LOW ticket price includes UNLIMITED bowling, shoe rental and the delicious dinner buffet!
Only \$25.00 in advance for Adults / \$15.00 for Children under 13

Not a sports fan? Then have fun and bid in our spectacular Silent Auction. Great restaurant certificates, entertainment packs, hotel packages, designer bags and more will be available for you to bid on and win at great prices.

Purchase tickets online at www.shlions.org
or at Poplar Creek Bowl

Get off the couch and join us - you'll have more fun - and you'll be helping some very special disabled children and adults in the process.
"Be an Angel" - join us and bring your friends and family! All ages welcome!



Marklund®

Marklund would like to extend sincere thanks for everything you did for our residents this past holiday season, and for your support of our mission to make everyday life possible for individuals with profound disabilities.



SUPER BOWL TACO DIP

Ingredients:

- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 8 ounces sour cream
- 1 (1 1/4 ounce) package taco seasoning (I use low sodium)
- shredded lettuce
- tomatoes, chopped
- finely shredded cheddar cheese
- chopped scallion
- diced black olives
- 1 chopped avocado
- 4 ounces diced green chilies



- Soften cream cheese and whip with sour cream with mixer until smooth. mix in taco seasoning.
- Spread onto shallow platter and chill. This step can be done ahead before the event.
- When ready to serve, layer the remainder of the ingredients as they are listed above. You can omit or add another favorite.

- Serve with tortilla chips or corn chips.

Genius Kitchen

NEW BREAKFAST OPTION

starting in February, MHC DT
will be selling bagels/breakfast items
in the MHC lobby on
the second Tuesday of every month.

Please come and support our new vocational endeavor!

Jeannie Stefanik
Developmental Training Program Manager