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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Flu season is here! As usual, I encourage everyone to receive the Flu vaccine if able and medically indicated. Also remember that hand washing is the best defense against sickness especially after a sneeze. If you are not feeling well, please reschedule a visit until you are feeling better. My goal is to keep everyone happy and healthy, especially during this season.

We are very pleased to announce that we have some new staff including a **Therapeutic Activity Aide (TAA)** Lily, a **Nursing Unit Coordinator (NUC)** PJ, and two new **Personal Support Professionals (PSP)** Katrice and Christina both on the 3p-11p shift. Please help me welcome our new staff! We are excited to have them join our team.

Some of you have already received a call from nursing asking for your DOB if needed due to insurance varication. This is kept completely confidential and for strictly used for your loved ones medical verifications.

A big thank you to everyone who filled out our parent survey. I would love even more participation for the next survey in the upcoming year. If you have any suggestions or comments, please share them with myself or Rose Cousins.

A message from the Development Department:

As you know, there is power in numbers, which our *Marklund families* have proven so far through your generous support of our new Family Match Challenge, created to help INSPIRE guests at the 2019 Top Hat Ball to give generously.

If you have given already, THANK YOU! If you are still contemplating your support- we challenge you to be part of something BIG!

As mentioned in an email to you in October, we have over 600 Marklund friends who come to the ball each year to donate nearly \$1 million to move our mission forward. \$320,000 of that comes from an incredible part of the event called the Fund in Need where guests donate to the mission of Marklund after seeing a video. Here is where we need your help.

We are building a Family Match in the amount of \$50,000 - \$75,000 so that we can ask our donors on the night of the event to match what YOU gave. We are already so close to \$50,000 in gifts and want to grow that to the \$75,000 mark! Most of our top hat donors don't have a personal connection to Marklund, they give because they believe in our mission.

The INSPIRATION comes when donors realize YOU gave first, and YOU are doubling their donation that night!

Donors will be raising their paddles at levels anywhere between \$100, \$250, \$1000, \$2500, \$5000 and \$20,000 the night of top hat. **We hope you might commit to a level comfortable for you and support the match and be part of the inspiration we need to ignite giving to its highest potential on February 2nd.**

We've set up a special donation page where you can make your donation quick and easily and join all the families who have already said YES to this amazing endeavor! ***We also just got notice from a private family foundation, that they will be matching your \$50,000, which now triples guests' donations in February!***

<https://www.marklund.org/top-hat-family-fund-in-need-match/#1537405724295-6e1a8f63-7e51>

Thanks for standing beside us and coming together with other families as we continue making everyday life possible for everyone we serve.

Nursing:

For any nursing issues please contact Rose Cousins at ext. 3240 or email her at rcousins@marklund.org.

Clothing Issues:

Jenna Gasper is our clothing coordinator. Please feel free to contact her at X3286 or email jgasper@marklund.org for any clothing concerns, especially as we transition into the winter and Holiday Season.

Habilitation Team:

We continue to have outings on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and on Saturday. We will be having many volunteer groups and extra activities especially as the holidays approach.

Upcoming Special Events:

- **Parent Meeting**
December 8th 10:30am-11:00am
Break Room Marklund Philip Center

- **Open House**
December 8th 11am-1:00pm
Multi-Purpose Room Ann Haskins Center

➤ **Gift Opening**

December 24th 10:00am-12:00pm

Multi-Purpose Room Ann Haskins Center

As always please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns gpatel@marklund.org or 630-397-5651. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gunjan Patel".

Gunjan Patel

Administrator Marklund Philip Center