August 2, 2019

Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- Since my last report, Marklund has received (a whopping!) **$3.5M** from the State of Illinois. Our aging for Residential and Community Day Services, through July, stands at $3.3M. The MCDD billing with the state has been resolved and our reimbursement this month represents $2.2M in "catch-up" payments! The drought is over…for now!

  Our entire $7M line of credit is available. ☺

- We held our **Ground Breaking** ceremony for MDS-Geneva on July 9. The day was perfect and we had a great crowd. We were honored to have State Senator Jim Oberweis, Mayor Ray Rogina (St. Charles), Mayor Jeff Schielke (Batavia) and Mayor Kevin Burns (Geneva) in attendance. I want to thank **Jim Armbruster, Carie Carney, Dan Foley, Mike Herlihy, Laura Karlins, Frank Murnane** (who also spoke) & **Jack Zimmerman** for attending.

- The **capital campaign** is currently at **$3,372,000** which includes almost $800K in cash. I want to thank the hard work of our Capital Campaign Committee and the support of the board. The committee exceeded their very ambitious goal of $3M by July 4! Their next goal is to be at $4.5M by September. Once we hit that goal then the campaign will go public in our effort to reach our goal of $6M.

- As of July 23, we received the necessary permits from the County and Mill Creek Water Reclamation District for the **Marklund Day School – Geneva** expansion to begin. The weather has been perfect and the site work is going very well. The construction schedule is very tight but it currently has us receiving our occupancy permit by mid-May. We will have pictures of the construction to show at the Board Retreat. ☺

- We closed on the potential **CILA property** in Elgin on July 19.

- On July 16 we toured **State Representative Anna Moeller** at the Marklund Wasmond Center. She also sits on the House Human Services Committee and could be very helpful in our efforts to expand into group homes. She was excited to hear about the property we bought in Elgin for possible CILAs.

- I hope you had a chance to see the **ABC Channel 7 Chicago** coverage of a resident/volunteers baseball game on the Marklund Hyde Center "Miracle Field" this week (7/29). It was a really nice report on their "Chicago Proud" segment. They are going to have an extended version of the report during their 8 am Sunday morning news (8/4) during their "Celebrating Abilities" segment.

- The **Board Retreat** agenda is <u>attached</u>. We will be sending retreat packets next Thursday. As we have the last two years, it will be held at the Marklund Day School – Bloomingdale (164 S. Prairie Ave). The day will start at 9 am and adjourn at 3:30 pm.

Thank you for making the time for this important day. Once again, we will be taking an **official picture** of the Board that morning. Dress is casual. Senior staff will be coming for lunch.

- Just as a reminder, here are the remaining Board dates for **2019**: August 16 (Board Retreat), **October 23** and for **2020**: **January 30, April 2**, May 21 (Finance only), **June 25**, August 14 (Board Retreat) and **October 22**. All of these dates should be in your Outlook. The **board event calendar** through 2020 is attached.

Thank you for all you do to ***make everyday life possible for individuals with profound disabilities***.

Have a wonderful **Coast Guard Day** on Sunday (8/4)!

God bless you!

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