

March 6, 2020

Board of Directors,

Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- Since my last report, Marklund has received **\$2.0M** from the State of Illinois. Our aging for Residential and Community Day Services, through February, stands at \$3.8M. The entire \$7M line of credit is available.
- The **MDS – Geneva** school construction is continuing to come along very well. We continue to be on track for our Certificate of Occupancy in mid-May. Please be sure to have the following dates, as you are available, on your calendar:
 - **Board/Major Donors - Preview** **6 - 8 pm**
Thursday, June 18*
 - **Ribbon Cutting – Grand Opening** **10 am – 1 pm** **Friday,**
June 19*
 - Patron Reception **6 - 8 pm** **Friday,**
June 19

***Sent today as Outlook invitation**

- I sent a letter ([attached](#)) to our parents/guardians this week on the **Covid-19** virus and the proactive procedures and practices that we have in place to mitigate its spread. It appears to have been well received. The staff is continuing to do a great job.
- Participation in the annual **Board Survey** was our largest yet! We had a total of 12 out of 14 board members complete their survey, so far. The results will be shared with the Governance committee later this month and then with the full board at our April meeting.
- We have been actively working with **State Rep Keith Wheeler** on the final Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) rules that are being reviewed through the JCAR (Joint Committee on Administrative Rules) that he is the co-chair. He continues to be a very informed legislator and a great advocate for some common sense rules.
- Mary and I will be attending the Illinois Health Care Association (IHCA) **Public Policy Forum** in Springfield on March 25. It will be a great opportunity for us to get the latest information on bills and regulations that directly affect our sector. I will be attending the American Health Care Association (AHCA) **Congressional Briefing** in Washington, as part of the Illinois delegation, on June 1-3 to hear about the federal issues that are most pertinent to us. Both of these events also include visits to our local legislators.
- I am very excited about the creation of a **Marklund 2030** vision/strategy. We have experienced the following growth since FY12:

FY12	FY20	Growth
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Revenue	\$13.6M	\$30.1	2.2x
Fundraising (net)	\$1.4M	\$2.0M	1.4x
Individuals served	142	246	1.7x
Staff	253	510	2.0x

Coming in FY21: MWC increasing census from 57 to 61
MDS – Geneva – adding 66 students (100 more staff!)
LIFTS Initiative – new CDS program

It will be exciting to dream and plan about what the next ten years hold for us. I look forward to tapping your wisdom and expertise as we move forward in this process. We are going to have some questions for the board to discuss at the April board meeting that will give further input to the continuing development of the plan. The final plan will culminate at the all-day Board Retreat in August.

- Just as a reminder, here are the Board dates for **2020**: **April 2**, May 21 (Finance only), **June 25**, August 14 (Board Retreat) and **October 22**. All of these dates should be in your Outlook.

Thank you for all you do to help make our mission and vision a reality. God bless you!

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