

May 1, 2020

Board of Directors,

Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- **It continues to be a different world...**with the Governor's third Stay-at-Home order that starts today and ends on May 30; I do not expect it to be extended. The new order requires everyone to wear a mask in public places and whenever you cannot maintain a social distance of six feet.

I have attached our projections on what reopening the state – and Marklund – is going to look like. As you can see, we do not forecast family/guardian visitation to start before August 9; I hope we're wrong.

- Since March 12, I have sent 12 **Parent-Guardian-Staff Updates** to keep them, as well as the Board, informed of what we are doing in this constantly changing environment to keep their loved ones and our staff healthy and safe. I am very happy to report that as of today we do not have any COVID-19 positive residents or staff! 😊
- Since my last report, Marklund has received **\$1.9M** from the State of Illinois (up from \$1.7M last month). Our aging for Residential and Community Day Services, through April, stands at \$4.2M; this includes the temporary rate increase of 20% for the residential program. The entire \$7M line of credit is available.
- Since we could not have our meeting in April, I wanted to give you an update on our financials and fundraising through Q3:

**Net Income (YTD):** \$346,095 better than budget

**Fundraising (YTD):** \$1,661,583 better than budget (w/o capital campaign)

- The **MDS – Geneva** school construction is in great shape. The final paving is going on...right now...and that will complete the major work on the site. We are going to start our punch list on Monday. I cannot wait for you to see the new building; it is amazing! What a wonderful new resource for this underserved area and providing services to 66 students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**\*\*DATE CHANGES\*\*** As you can see, we moved the opening to these new dates in July because of all the uncertainty surrounding large gatherings in June.

- **Board/Major Donors - Preview** **6 - 8 pm**  
**Thursday, July 23**
- **Ribbon Cutting – Grand Opening** **10 am – 1 pm** **Friday,**  
**July 24**

- We had our last **Capital Campaign** meeting this week. *In just 15 months* the committee, with the support of the board, raised almost **\$5.3M** for the new school. There are not words enough to properly acknowledge the work of Capital Campaign Committee

(**Frank Murnane** – Chair, **Jim Armbruster**, **Mike Herlihy** and **Jack Zimmerman**). They have worked incredibly hard and done an amazing job in a very short amount of time. I have been part of a half dozen capital campaigns and I have never seen a committee that worked harder or was more dedicated to its success.

In addition, I cannot say enough about the support and guidance of **Heather Graves** and her team in creating the campaign and supporting the committee. As you well know, we have an incredible development team. They are looking forward to getting back and moving into their new space in the *Foglia Education Center* in early June.

- Despite the challenges, the virtual **Bloomingtondale Run, Walk and Roll 5K/1M** held this past Sunday was a huge success. We revised our goal, because of the restrictions of the Stay-at-Home order, to \$32,000 and ended up netting **\$45,000!**

This is a great example of the extraordinary effort that the staff, **in every aspects of our operation**, is doing to make the best out of the restrictions due to the pandemic for our residents, staff, donors and volunteers. I knew that we had a great staff before COVID-19 but when something like this comes along it really shows. We are beyond blessed!

- Currently, the **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic** has been moved to Thursday, August 27 at Cog Hill. We are still hoping that will be possible and will make a final decision by the end of May.
- The state (Bureau of Accreditation, Licensure and Certification, part of HFS) received our **CILA application** on April 3. We were supposed to hear from them next week if there were any deficiencies. We decided to contact them this week and learned, much to our surprise and disappointment, that BALC is closed and not reviewing applications. I sent an email to our **State Rep. Anna Moeller**, who has been a huge advocate for us, questioning why BALC would be closed and yet IDPH and DHS, which are both part of HFS, are open. She emailed me right away that she would look into it. We should have received a final decision on our application by BALC by June 3.
- Just as a reminder, here are the Board dates for **2020**: 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 your support. Stay safe and well.

God bless you!

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