

September 4, 2020

Board of Directors,

Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- Wonderful news...we continue to have **no** residential or staff incidents of COVID-19.
- Since my last report, Marklund has received just over **\$3.1M** from the State of Illinois (over \$2M more than last month!). Our aging for Residential and Community Day Services, through August, stands at \$4.3M. The entire \$7M line of credit continues to be available.

We are continuing to assess utilization of the \$3.9M **PPP loan** we received to identify what portion will eventually be forgiven; the rest will become a 1% loan that is payable over five years.

On August 18 we were blessed to receive **\$492,074.58** through the Cares Act.

In the new FY21 budget from the Illinois Department of Human Services we will receive approximately **\$1.4M** in new revenue. The purpose of these additional funds are for mandated salary increases for our PSPs and related fields; corresponding salary adjustments will be incorporated into the FY21 budget. The **Executive Committee** will be meeting on September 21 to review the proposed changes and approve the revised FY21 budget. This will be reported at the October board meeting.

- The **Marklund Day School** opened this week for in-person classes at all three locations for our **76 students!** Unfortunately, we already have five staff out with possible COVID-19 symptoms and two classes have had to go to remote learning. The staff is doing an excellent job of coping with the daily challenges and parents have been so appreciative of getting their children back to school. We had a great article on the opening of the Foglia Education Center in the *Kane County Chronicle* (attached) and Melissa's adorable daughter, **Kayla**, was our poster student.
- We were very happy to restart the **campus-based CDS** program this week for our residents at all three sites. Unfortunately, given the continued reluctants of DHS to allow for community-based programs to resume we have decided to **not** go forward with the CDS-Roselle lease. We continue to be very committed to creating an offsite CDS program but realize that we need to pivot from our current plans.
- In early July we received notice from DHS/BALC that our **CILA application** met the necessary requirements. The next step is an interview which they said might be "delayed." I contacted them again this week...as I did last month...and have not gotten a reply. I am keeping our State Representative Anna Moeller apprised of our situation and may need to "push" it a bit in the coming month.
- The 38th Annual Golf Classic, that became the **Marklund Cyber Classic**, was held on August 27. It went exceedingly well, despite a few technical kinks, and net **\$146K!** This is amazing when you consider that the golf event typically nets around \$200K. Thank you for all your support.
- If you haven't signed up yet, please consider participating in, or sponsoring our 9th Annual 5K/1M event in Geneva on Sunday, October 18th. This event will now be

VIRTUAL, and can be done in the comfort of your own neighborhood or treadmill.
<https://p2p.onecause.com/runwalkandrollgeneva/homev>

- Save-the-Date for **Top Hat Ball** on Saturday, February 6. Similar to the Cyber Classic, this event will have both live and virtual components, to keep everyone safe. There will be no theme this year (we are saving our *Wizard of Oz* theme for 2022!). Full event details, along with event registration will launch next month.
- I want to thank the following board members who were able to attend the Board Retreat last month: **Jim Armbruster, Jerry Finis, Mike Herlihy, Laura Karlins, Yaneth Medina, Frank Murnane, Jeff Risch** and **Jack Zimmerman**. We had a great discussion regarding the Marklund 2030 plan that I will be sharing at the board meeting next month.
- I also want to thank our Board Chair, **Frank Murnane**, for making a special effort to attend a staff luncheon on August 12 to present the *Claire Haverkamp Award*. Because of the COVID restrictions we had to limit the group to the three finalists, their family/friends and leadership staff. This award is usually presented at the annual Staff Appreciation dinner in May that had to be cancelled.
- I am very happy to report that our Board room is now fully **ZOOM-capable**. For those who will be unable to attend the board meeting in October you can now participate...virtually! We are in the process of providing virtual capability for all of our meeting rooms (only 12 more to go!). I will send out a ZOOM link with your Outlook calendar invite.
- Just as a reminder, here are the remaining Board dates for **2020: October 22**. Here are the Board dates for **2021: January 28, April 8**, May 20 (Finance only), **June 24**, August 12 (Board Retreat) and **October 21**.

Thank you for all you do to make our Vision and Promise a reality. Have a wonderful Labor Day Weekend.

God bless you!

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