



Gil Fonger, president and CEO of Marklund, is among the first staff to get the new COVID-19 vaccine at the Marklund Philip Center in Bloomingdale.

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Marklund Philip Center vaccinates 110 residents and staff members

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The Marklund Philip Center in Bloomingdale became the first of the nonprofit's facilities to receive the coronavirus vaccine Thursday, Jan. 14.

Marklund is a residential, therapeutic and educational organization that serves children and adults with profound developmental disabilities.

Walgreens staff set up the clinic for all eligible residents and staff.

Marklund President and CEO Gil Fonger and the oldest Philip Center resident, Sarah G., were first in line to receive the vaccination.

At the end of the day, 110 vaccinations were given out.

Marklund also has locations in Elgin and Geneva.

For information, visit www.marklund.org or www.facebook.com/MarklundCharity.

The Marklund Philip Center is a skilled MC/DD nursing facility for medically fragile infants and children, teens and adults with profound developmental disabilities. Services include a comprehensive active treatment program that provides for the intensive medical, social, emotional and physical needs of the residents.

The Marklund Day School is adjacent to the residential/therapeutic facility. Two programs are offered at this day school location: MultiNeeds, for students with profound developmental disabilities and multiple health care needs, and Life Skills for those on the autism spectrum. This location has three Multi-Needs classrooms located within the Philip Center and seven Life Skills classrooms in the adjacent Ann Haaskans Center.

Marklund is committed to providing high-quality individualized educational and vocational programming for



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Tilly W. was among the first residents at the Marklund Philip Center in Bloomingdale to receive the COVID-19 vaccine Jan. 14. The Philip Center, with 21 residents, was the first of the Marklund sites to receive the vaccine. Other facilities are located in Elgin and Geneva.



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Residents and staff at Marklund Philip Center in Bloomingdale get "I Got My COVID-19 Vaccine!" stickers.

students ages 3 through 21 with mild to complex disabilities, including autism. They successfully transition students back to their home school district based upon progress.



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Marklund Philip Center staff nurse Megan McCall gives a thumbs-up during the COVID-19 vaccine clinic.