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CARE LETTER

A newsletter for those who care about Marklund

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Community Day Services scores a 99!

This summer, Marklund's Community Day Services (CDS) program and staff received a 99% score on a survey conducted by Illinois' Bureau of Accreditation, Licensure and Certification (BALC). BALC is a division of the Illinois Department of Human Services, and surveys agencies to ensure that its community programs meet specific standards and provide quality services. Currently, 166 adult residents and community clients take part in pre-vocational, therapeutic and educational curriculum at Marklund's CDS program at our three locations.

Planning For The Future: *Marklund 2030*

M 2030

Marklund has grown significantly in many ways as an organization over the past 66 years while staying true to its original intention of providing very specialized care to those with severe and profound intellectual and developmental disabilities.

As we look to the future, the executive team has worked with the Board of Directors to develop a plan to take Marklund through this next decade, continuing to grow and provide even more services to more people who need us.

The Marklund 2030 plan: Serving the Underserved

Over the next several years, we look forward to:

- **Campus expansion** at each of our locations in Geneva, Bloomingdale and Elgin to provide additional **residential, maintenance, aquatic therapy and Community Day Services** areas.
- Creation of an offsite **Community Day Services** program at a location in Elgin that is designed to give a “next step” to students transitioning out of our Day School.
- **Building CILAs (Community Integrated Living Arrangements)** in a cluster setting specifically for individuals with intellectual developmental disabilities who have been harder to place due to their medical and/or behavioral challenges.

We believe these plans will help fulfill our vision of creating:

A happy, safe, purpose-filled life for every individual with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Progress of this plan will be shared as we move forward over the next nine years.

Legislative Guests Visit Marklund



*Congresswoman
Lauren Underwood*



IL Sen. Karina Villa



IL Rep. Seth Lewis



IL Rep. Keith Wheeler

Marklund welcomed special guests this summer with visits from Congresswoman Lauren Underwood, IL Sen. Karina Villa, IL Rep. Seth Lewis and IL Rep. Keith Wheeler. While touring the sites and meeting staff, residents and students, they learned how they, as legislators, can best assist Marklund and those we serve. In addition, we were pleased to present Rep. Wheeler with our 2021 Excellence in Advocacy Award for all his support of Marklund, and continuing to be the voice of those we serve in Springfield.

Run it, Walk it or Roll it

In-Person or Virtually!

9th ANNUAL

Fisher nuts presents
MARKLUND
RUN WALK ROLL
Geneva 2021

5K/1 MILE

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17
8:30 a.m.

Marklund Hyde Center | 1S450 Wyatt Dr. | Geneva, IL 60134

Register & fundraise at www.marklund.org/5kgeneva



Runners, walkers and those in wheelchairs are invited to join in the 9th annual Run, Walk & Roll-Geneva 5K/1-mile event on Sunday, Oct. 17, to support children and adults with profound developmental disabilities. This year's event will be held in-person* but will offer a virtual opportunity as well for those who prefer to run/walk at their own locations.

Learn more, register or volunteer TODAY at www.marklund.org/5kgeneva.

For the live event, start time is 8:30 a.m. Participants in the 5K will run on a USATF-certified course through the South Mill Creek neighborhood, starting and ending at the Marklund Hyde Center campus, 1S450 Wyatt Drive, Geneva. A 'Party in the Park' celebration will be held after the event with food and beverages for participants and supporters.

*Please note: Could transform into a full virtual event depending on state and health department regulations at the time of the event.

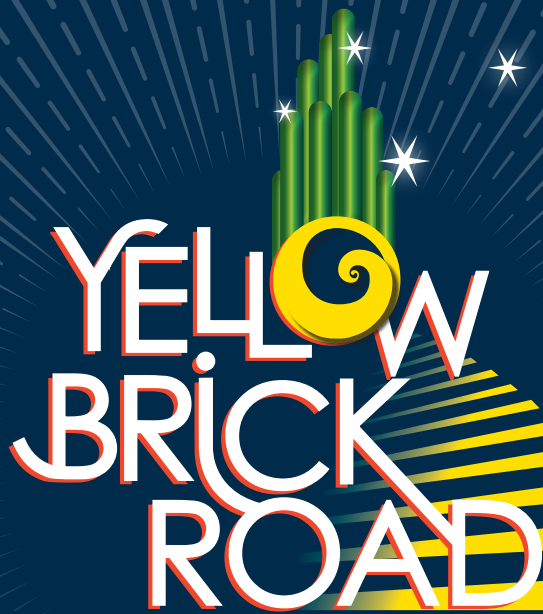
THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING SPONSORS



In-Person AND Virtual Registration Options!

- Event Apparel
- Finisher Medal
- USATF Certified Course
- 5K Chipped Timing
- Food and Beverages
- Live Entertainment

Taking steps to make everyday life possible for individuals with profound disabilities.



YELLOW BRICK ROAD

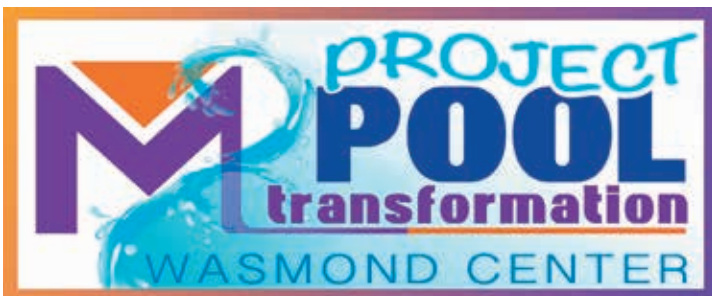
AN EVENING IN THE EMERALD CITY

Marklund's 26th Annual Top Hat Ball
 Saturday, Feb 5, 2022
 Marriott Magnificent Mile

★ TO REGISTER VISIT
www.marklund.org/tophatball



SAVE THE DATE

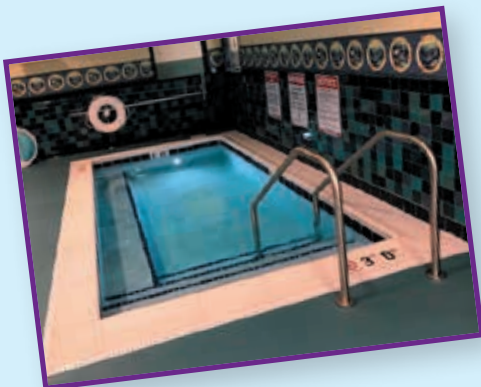


With your help, residents and students at the Marklund Wasmond Center will be participating in Aquatic Therapy again this year.

Thanks to tremendous efforts by our supporters, *you raised \$90,939 to make Project Pool Transformation possible!*

The pool renovations are nearly complete – stay tuned for photos of our residents and students reaping the rewards of Aquatic Therapy on-site!

Thank You!



THANK YOU

TO OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS!



Wow! Combined, this incredible group of corporate donors generously contributed approximately \$260,000 – enough to cover the gap* for **20 residents** in Fiscal Year 2021!

Thank you to our committed partners!

*The gap is what makes the Marklund difference; it's the cost above state reimbursement rates for the care Marklund provides.

Visit www.marklund.org/cp to learn more.



Caring Through The Decades

It began with an infant boy named Mark William Lund in December, 1954. Since then, thousands of children and adults have become a part of the Marklund history. Enjoy this glimpse into our "family album," learning about just a handful of those whose lives changed because of the legacy of care started in 1954 by Claire and Stan Haverkamp!



'50s

Mark William Lund

Mark was born on December 21, 1954 at Elmhurst Hospital. At five days old, he was brought to the Haverkamps for foster care. During his first year, he has repeated heart attacks and lung issues but beats the odds.

During his second year, he is a friendly little guy, tries to talk, laughs easily and likes to imitate sounds and actions. As he celebrates his third birthday, Mark takes a few steps, plays "patty-cake," throws kisses, waves goodbye, says no-no. On September 20, 1961, Mark passes away at 6 years, 9 months after a 4-day fight with pneumonia.



'60s

Rosemarie W.

Rosemarie started calling Marklund home in 1966 when she moved into the Children's Home in Bloomingdale, and has grown with Marklund these last 55 years. She previously lived at the Deicke Home in Winfield and is now in Geneva.

Her best friend, Rosie B., has been her roommate for 32 years, and they make the perfect pair. Despite hearing and vision limitations, she reacts warmly to those she recognizes and enjoys the company of favorite staff and peers, including five housemates who go back to the early days.



'70s

Heather D.

In 1974, Heather moved into Little Angels (now the Marklund Wasmond Center) in Elgin. When still little, she transferred to the Marklund Children's Home in Bloomingdale, and now lives in Geneva. Her best friend for

decades is her roommate, Dawn. These days, her favorite things are going day camping with staff, listening to country music, and swimming. Most recently, her communication skills have blossomed thanks to the Therapy team helping her learn eye-gaze technology, which resulted in a story on Chicago's ABC News. She has grown into a confident woman, even assisting with fundraising and marketing projects by using her communication device.

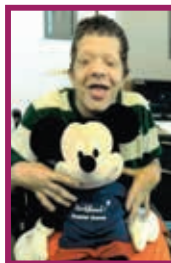


'80s

Calvin A.

Calvin lived with his mom until he was four years old, when he came to live at the Little Angels Center (now the Marklund Wasmond Center) in 1987. He is a smiley guy who loves to interact with others, especially when

someone dances with him. He loves country music but also enjoys Rap and Hip Hop. He is a huge Chicago Bears fan, but when he was little couldn't get enough of the Ninja Turtles and Power Rangers. He understands much of what is going on around him and communicates by nodding and shaking his head. Visits from his mom top his list of favorites!



'90s

Clint K.

For 16 years, Clint was a resident of Marklund, first residing in 1997 at the Marklund Children's Home in Bloomingdale and then the campus in Geneva. An outgoing young man, Clint was considered the "Mayor of Marklund," a role that he relished, greeting guests and staff with a warm handshake and his 1,000-watt smile. Clint loved delivering newspapers to the classrooms and administrative offices every day. He even sat in on job interviews as an honorary HR member. Passing away in 2013, our mayor will be forever remembered in our hearts as someone who brought great joy and happiness to everyone he met.



2000s

Mikey I.

When Marklund Philip Center resident, Mikey, was a little boy, he faced a serious health scare and was hospitalized. Marklund staff stayed with him and miraculously, he turned a corner and recovered. He soon returned home to Marklund, where he has thrived ever since! Mikey is now a smart, determined young man who loves going to school. He is a natural musician, and loves using his iPad to play music and compose his own drum pieces. He is very curious, independent, and loves exploring the world around him.



2010s

Adrianna B.

Adrianna was admitted to Marklund Wasmond Center in the fall of 2019. She was and still is our youngest resident. Although she may be the youngest, do not mistake her, "She is no baby!" Adrianna is small, but she is mighty... and feisty. She has no issues communicating by letting you know with her face when she is not a fan of something. Adrianna also loves music and all animals. She is easy-going and gets along with everyone. We are so lucky to have this sweet, lovable little girl at Marklund.



Summer Games 2021



Event Calendar



A Day of Golf at Rich Harvest Farms
Oct. 14, 2021



9th Annual Run, Walk & Roll-Geneva
Oct. 17, 2021



Giving Tuesday
Nov. 30, 2021



26th Annual Top Hat Ball
Feb. 5, 2022



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