

Marklund Hyde Center Fall 2021 Parent Newsletter

A Note from the Administrator

Hello to all of our families and friends,

I hope our newsletter finds you well and ready to embrace the holiday season. While this year will continue to look different than our traditional holiday season, we are joyful that in-person visits and home visits are an option for our residents this year. Many parents have reached out with questions which I have included in a brief overview below.

- Gift Opening – We will not be able to have our traditional in-person gift opening on Christmas Eve, however, you may schedule a time to open gifts with your loved one in the Multi-Purpose Room. There will be festive decorations and an area for holiday photos for your use as well. Please contact your Group Home Manager to schedule.
- Home Visits – Residents may go home for overnight visits and day passes as long as their home isn't in an 'outbreak' or undergoing surveillance testing. We ask that you schedule home visits at least 24 hours in advance so appropriate paperwork and any medications can be prepared.
- Staff Holiday Gifts - Every year, we ask for your help in securing monetary donations that will be used for purchasing Christmas gifts for our medical staff as well as staff gifts for the holidays. If you are interested in making a holiday donation, please send a check to the Hyde Center with a memo indicating what the donation is to be used for (i.e. Staff Holiday Appreciation). Thank you so much for your consideration!! In lieu of donations, if you would like to sponsor a holiday meal for the staff in your loved ones' home, please reach out to me or your group home manager.
- Our next Parent Meeting will be held via ****Zoom**** Saturday, December 4th at 10 a.m. If there are any questions or topics you would like to have discussed, please email them to me by Friday, November 26th.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me via cell phone (630) 999-4274 or email kdolen@marklund.org

Wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday!!

Best,
Krissy, MHC Administrator





Nursing Updates

Dear parents,

I hope you are all enjoying our last days of Fall. We are plugging along here in nursing as we try to keep pace with all things COVID. Our eligible residents have received their COVID boosters and influenza vaccine. We are currently not in outbreak status in any of our homes. Our goal is to keep that going, especially with the upcoming holidays.

We truly want our residents to be able to go out on pass this holiday season. They missed that so much last year. Please remember if you are feeling symptomatic, it is best to get tested ASAP, even if you are vaccinated. Unfortunately, breakthrough infections are occurring. Should you test positive within 48 hours of visiting your loved one here on campus, we are required to quarantine all residents of that home until they receive two rounds of negative testing.

We are currently implementing a new electronic medical records system. We have had a few minor hiccups, but it has been going very well. There won't really be much of a change that you will notice, but we hope to streamline many of our tasks and record keeping.

The nursing department wishes you all a very happy Thanksgiving! -Bev, DON

Upcoming Birthdays

November

Janice H
Jeff G
Chris H
Jacob M
Gregory P
Bridgit F
Jenna V
Sofia Z
Lisa A

December

Jesus G
Derick H
Tamisha M
Rosemarie W
Robyn S
Richie R
Darren W

January

Mabel N
Valerie B
Jacob H
Cindy A
Neil L



Important Dates

December 4, 2021 10 a.m. - MHC Parent Meeting (via zoom)

February 4, **2022**- Top Hat Ball



CDS Updates

Happy Fall Everyone! Can't believe it's already **November**...time keeps flying by! Our residents continue to stay with their housemates in the classrooms; which continues to work well. Community clients also continue to be together in classroom 7 until further notice.

Our Developmental Instructors and Community Integration Team have continued to enjoy celebrating different National Days/Holidays and birthdays with the residents and community clients, as well as working on different art projects with them, including decorating the classroom doors with different themes, working on different in-house vocational jobs, and Zooming with Equine Dreams twice a month to do virtual lessons with the mini-horses. Everyone enjoyed celebrating Independence Day, Hispanic Heritage Month/Mexican Independence Day, Labor Day, and remembering those affected by 9/11. Everyone also had a great time celebrating our annual Summer Games event on August 14th which was Olympic themed.

The Community Integration Team continues to take the residents and community clients out on outings such as parks, pumpkin patches, and out for ice cream. Volunteers have also continued to help with the CDS outings which the residents and community clients seem to really enjoy seeing them. We participated in the St. Charles Scarecrow Festival held on October 8th-10th. Our Scarecrow was located in front of La Mesa Modern Mexican Restaurant on First street and our theme was "Marklund's Adaptive Olympics"; our Scarecrow was riding an adaptive bike!

We have a lot of exciting fall activities planned over the next couple of months, so please make sure you continue to check in with Marklund's Facebook page to stay up to date on all the fun activities that continue to take place and so you can enjoy all of the wonderful pictures!

Take care and be safe,

-Kayla, CDS Program Manager/QIDP



From the Homes

MDH

Hello Dreher Fam!

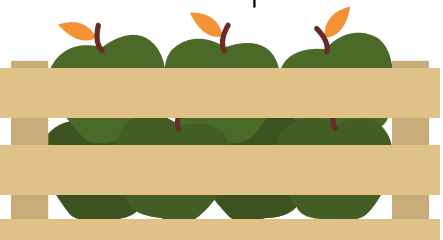
We have been enjoying the beautiful fall scenery around campus and soaking up the last bits of warmth the season has given us. We had so many families and lots of residents from our home participate in Geneva's Run Walk & Roll, and we had a blast! We are starting our preparations for the holidays coming up and we are excited! We are also happy to share that we have had a new resident, Matt, move into Dreher Home! He fits in perfectly! This year, Christmas gift opening is looking different again, however we will be able to have some indoor visits to open gifts with your loved one which is so exciting and a big leap from ZOOM last year! I will be sending out an email with dates and times to sign up to open gifts soon. If there is a specific day and time that you need, please reach out to me ASAP and I'll do all I can to get everyone the day and time they want! I hope everyone has wonderful upcoming holidays! Angela-MDH Group Home Manager

MHH

Thank you to all the Parents and Families for your donations for the creation of the Haverkamp "Blackhawks Basket" for our Top Hat Ball this year. Laura Karlins has graciously helped us secure quite a package. Residents assisted in decorating some of the items with the use of the Cricut.

Indoor and outdoor visits are available by appointment only. Evening and weekends are subject to staff availability at the Hyde Center; all efforts to accommodate visit requests will be made. Please contact Lem at 630-593-5157 to set up an appointment.

Earn with a Purpose Organization is a not-**for**-profit organization that provides employment for individuals with diverse developmental abilities. They started donating coffee for our staff, which they very much appreciate! -Lem, MHH Group Home Manager



MRH

Greetings from Richard Home!

Summer has ended and we have happily entered the season of Fall! The fall season is always one of our favorites as we are able to enjoy visiting some of the local pumpkin farms. We have already visited Windy Acres in Geneva. This past quarter we had so much fun celebrating the Olympic themed Summer Games 2021 on August 14th! It was a beautiful day, with the most perfect weather!

At the end of August, we welcomed a new resident to Richard Home. Lisa recently joined our home and it has been a pleasure getting to know her. She is a wonderful addition to Richard Home!

I want to personally thank the families of Richard Home for the donations for our Top Hat Ball Basket. Our basket theme this year is the "Chicago Fire Soccer Team." We have had several wonderful donations already, so THANK YOU! I am including the website for the team where, if you are inclined to do so, you may purchase other items such as gift cards, tickets, merchandise, etc. to include in our basket. You can send donations to myself, 15450 Wyatt Drive Geneva, IL 60134 Attn: Gina Allen- Richard Home or to Jeannine Zupo at the same address; Attn: Jeannine Zupo. Please reach out to me if you have any specific questions regarding something you would like to donate towards the basket! Thank you again for all your support.

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-Gina, MRH Group Home Manager

MSH

Sayers Home is excited to welcome a new resident! Neal joined the Sayers family in October.

Sayers Home had a blast planning for Halloween, as we were able to take a stroll down the Yellow Brick Road on an adventure to Oz! Our Lead PSP, Melissa, did a great job picking out costumes for each resident.

Jazmin, MSH TAA, is helping the residents decorate for Thanksgiving, and then Christmas soon after! We are very excited to celebrate the holidays this year, even though we can't celebrate in person with all of you as well. We look forward to having potlucks again in the future, when it is safe for us to all be together. Bernadette- MSH Group Home Manager

MTH

We have had a very busy quarter here at Tommy Home. Tommy Home residents continue to thrive at CDS and enjoy working hard on their goals, vocational tasks, and other theme-related activities and curriculum. We had a few birthdays this quarter that were celebrated along with some minor holidays. As many of you may have seen on our social media pages, Marklund residents had a blast at Summer Games this last quarter. Between the races, bowling, archery, and basketball, they had a fun-filled day that ended with a tasty barbeque.

With the change of the season, our TAA, Lindsay, has kept everyone very busy; decorating the house with all things Fall, making apple pie, and preparing for Halloween. The residents continue to go on outings throughout the week to various parks and other COVID friendly locations around the West suburbs. We have also began collecting items to be placed in our Top Hat Ball basket; our theme for the basket is any and all things Chicago Bears. As always, please reach out with any and all needs. -Carly, MTH Group Home Manager

MVH

This has been a wonderful quarter! What fun we have had- all things considered. Baseball, camping, barbeques, visiting, Spanish dancing, Summer Games, outings, and ice cream. Of course – we love fall too. That staff at MVH always do such a great job, and the residents truly seem happy. We are blessed.- Sue, MVH Group Home Manager

From Development

Attn: Marklund Parents and Families! Marklund's Geneva, Elgin and Bloomingdale homes are coming together to create baskets for our Top Hat Ball again this year, and we need your help! Each home will have its own basket theme (see below), and we are hoping that each family will donate items for their basket. Items needed include team logo cups, mugs, shirts, blankets, tailgating items, or event tickets (if you or someone you know has season tickets to any Chicago sporting event, please let us know!) Anything branded with your team logo is appreciated. One large new basket is also needed per home. We are also hopeful that some families will donate blank canvas items so that the residents can use the Cricket to logo and design items for the basket too- this will be a great activity for them again (think blank cups, mugs, wine/beer glasses).

We ask that all items be dropped off to your Q by November 1st. Or you can ship directly to Jeannine Zupo, 1S450 Wyatt Drive, Geneva, IL 60134 using Amazon or any preferred shopping site. If you have questions, please call or email Jeannine Zupo at 630.593.5445 or jzupo@marklund.org.

MDH- Chicago White Sox

MHH- Chicago Blackhawks

MRH- Chicago Fire

MSH- Chicago Bulls

MTH- Chicago Bears

MVH- Chicago Cubs

MWC- Wizard of Oz

MPC- All Seasons

MDS Geneva- Camping



Summer 2021 Pictures



