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Congratulations to **Telsharani Abraham, Korina Nichols and Michele Woods** on being selected as the *"You Caught My Eye"* awardees for March!

These three individuals caught the attention of their peers by going above and beyond their basic job function—and that is something we like to acknowledge here at Marklund. Regardless if it was a little gesture or a big effort—it was enough to cause others to point it out as a way of saying thank you.

Telsharani is fairly new to Marklund, joining the Day School staff in Bloomingdale last October as a Life Skills Paraprofessional/Substitute Teacher. She received two nominations for being "exceptional" with the students in her classroom. After transitioning to a new classroom, she worked hard to build great relationships with the students and "has so much patience!" Telsharani is recognized for displaying Marklund's Character Values of **Attitude, Creativity and Teamwork.**

Korina is a nurse at the Wasmond Center who has been with Marklund for just over one year, starting in February of 2021. Her nomination highlighted how she displays Marklund's Character Values of **Compassion, Accountability and Teamwork** by always willing to help anyone without hesitation. "She has so much passion for the residents—we wish we had 100 more of her!"

Our third awardee, **Michele**, is a TAA at the Marklund Van Der Molen Home on the Geneva campus. She joined the team in March of 2020. Michele's nominators used many adjectives in describing her: helpful, hard-working, pleasant, dedicated, awesome, compassionate and patient. Another noted how she supported a new PSP who was starting for the first time by herself, "even though we were short." Michele is credited for having our Character Values of **Attitude, Compassion and Teamwork.**

This month, Marklund staff submitted 88 "You Caught My Eye" nominations. Thank you to all who took the time to fill out the nominations and let us know more about our fantastic employees.

Again, congratulations to all but a special thanks to **Telsharani, Korina and Michele**!

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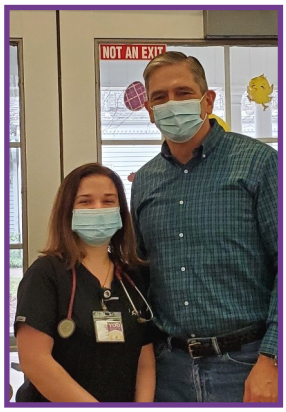
"YOU CAUGHT MY EYE"

Join us in congratulating the March 2022 winners.

Telsharani Abraham



Korina Nicols

Michele Wood

Nominator(s): Shelly Durnil, Paula Garcon, Char Lukas, Karin Behrendt, Joyce Ogun

Congratulations to all of our staff nominated for a "You Caught My Eye":

Telsharani Abraham, Vanessa Aguilera, Eric Aguilera Pacheco, Therapy Aides, Adol Ajak, Cody Ash, Kayla Atkins, Jennifer Atterberry, Nimcy Avalos-Interiano, Angelina Battista, Mary Bauer, Karin Behrendt, Kerry Berg, Paula Bodzioch, Paige Bolda, Charity Bothwell, Courtney Caliendo, Davina Carey, Paula Carson, Shemar Casteel-Payne, Janelle Castro, Brittany Colyer, Dee Farrey, Jaclyn Fultz, Jen Gallandez, Lupita Guadalupe, Ruth Gustafson, Mariles Hafeman, Charlotte Harrel, Jenny Herandez, Gabriella Hernadez, Bobby Hilsabeck, Rose Holod, Brigid Hynes, Shannon Johnson, Katie Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, Leticia Juarez, Jamie Keller, Krissy Klingbeil, Yanary Labrador, Alicia Madison, Chris Martin, Roxanna Martinez, Ross McMurray, Diana Melendez, Sarah Milligan, Nancy Montes, Korina Nichols, Shelby Nichols, Joyce Ogun, Jana Olberg, Brenda Oliveros, Jalpa Pandya, Bernadette Pauls, Ted Podolak, Destiny Powell, Enedelia Ramirez, Rachel Robinson, Jennifer Rodriguez, Briseida Rodriguez-Nieto, Erika Russell, Johnathan Salzer, Imelda Sanchez, George Santiago, Alexia Santillan, Nancy Santoro, Kim Seiber, Denise Settanni, Clare Stribling, Brittany Sullivan, Linda Tolley, Phouangmaly Vanmanisone, Bibiana Villanueva, LaShawn Williams, Michele Wood, Tiffany Zurek

Thank you to those who took the time to nominate their fellow co-workers:

Cody Ash, Karin Behrendt, Wendy Berk, Paige Bolda, Dena Bonnike, Andrea Campus, Davina Carey, Lindsay Cooper, Trish Dahmen, Krissy Dolen, Emily Douglas, Shelly Durnil, Tara Ehrenberg, Ynna Eusebio, Deanna Farrey, Tyler Frieson, Paula Garcon, Amanda Hlavaty, Madeline Harrah, Rose Holod, Sammantha Holsclaw, Bridget Hynes, Kimberly Kahl, Mary Kobbeman, Nadine Lepley, Melissa Lloyd, Char Lukas, Isidro Martinez, Laura McKeon, Britt McMurry, Sarah Milligan, Korina Nichols, Joyce Ogun, Jalpa Pandya, Gunjan Patel, Enedelia Ramirez, Jessica Redmond, Jennifer Rodriguez, Erika Russell, Nancy Santoro, Lindsey Scott, Lois Sheaffer, Jeannie Stefanik, Britt Sullivan, Joanna Vicker, Michele Wood

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Upcoming PTO Conversion – Announcement

Attention: ALL Eligible Employees

The PTO Conversion check date this year will be on May 19.

To participate you must have a minimum of one year of service as of May 1.

Marklund offers all eligible employees an opportunity to convert up to a total of **80 hours** of PTO into cash, move PTO hours to their Vested Extended Sick Bank (VESB), or a combination of both.

Anyone cashing in PTO hours must retain a balance of at least **24 hours** in his or her PTO bank; your total cash-in cannot deplete all of your PTO.

PTO Conversion forms will be available on the ADP home page starting Monday, April 25.

Forms will be due on Wednesday, May 4.

autism speaks
world autism month

Throughout the month of April, try sharing stories and providing opportunities to increase **YOUR** understanding and acceptance of people with autism. This year, join Marklund as we commit to continue creating a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.

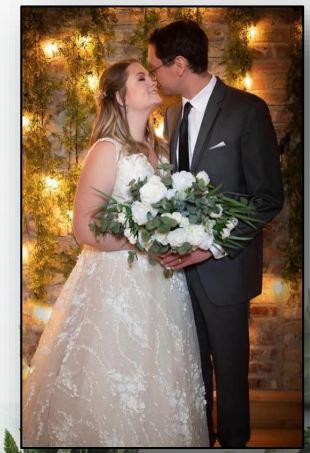
"The world needs all kinds of minds."
- Dr. Temple Grandin

M2030 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Progress…The new sign is up at the construction site of our Nathan Education Center located at 1210 Hunter Drive, in Elgin, just three-tenths of a mile west of MWC.

Congratulations

Join in congratulating **Sarah Hays**, MDS-Geneva Teacher, and new husband **J.J Papas** on their beautiful wedding on April 6!



Marklund on the move.

Congrats to staff who have recently changed titles or positions.

Check out the exciting changes in the Human Resources and Finance Departments.

Emily Douglas **has been promoted to**
HR Generalist

Contact for:
- Worker's Compensation/ Injury Reporting
- Accommodations
- Annual Performance Reviews
- Internal applications for posted positions
- Employee appreciation week
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Roxy Ochoa **has been promoted to**
HR Generalist

Contact for:
- New hire Orientation
- Employee status changes
- Open Enrollment
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Student Loan Repayment
- 403b enrollment/changes/ loans
- Employment verifications

Andrew Carberry **has been promoted to**
Staff Accountant

Contact for:
- Client Account Balances
- Resident Check Requests
- School Billing Questions
- CDS Attendance Sheets
- Client Gift Cards

Britany Coyler **has been promoted to**
Senior Finance Associate

Contact for:
- All Credit Card receipts (Wintrust MasterCard, Walmart, AMEX)
- Backup for Client Gift Cards

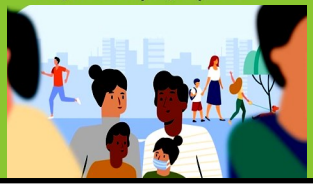
How YOU can approach the *"great unmasking"* while outside of Marklund.

Protect Your Family

If you have kids under 5 or anyone immunocompromised in your household, other considerations come into play. Even if transmission is low in your area, families with unvaccinated kids should proceed with caution, and cut back on certain risky activities, like travel or large unmasked gatherings.

Protect Your Community

Remember, even fully vaccinated folks can still catch and spread COVID-19. If you think you've been exposed, take a test and act accordingly. The good news is: fully vaccinated individuals now do not have to quarantine unless they develop symptoms.



Protect Yourself

Risk of transmission can vary from place to place. You can always use the CDC's COVID-19 Community Level guide to look up the current transmission risk level in your county. Remember that "low risk" doesn't mean "no risk."

JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL of MEDICINE

Run, Walk & Roll 5K/1Mile Event Week is HERE!

Marklund | presented by: Fitch Foundation

April 24, 2022

Marklund Philip Center
164 S Prairie Ave, Bloomingdale, IL
8:30 A.M. 5K/1Mile Start

Status form and online registration is CLOSED. If you'd still like to sign-up, please do so at the packet pick-up dates below or on event day from 7:15-8:15 a.m.

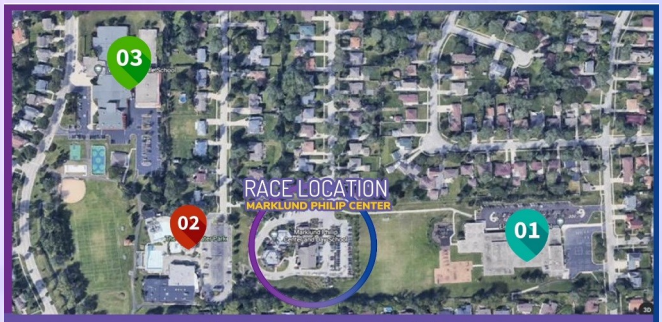
If you do not receive your packet(s) before Friday, please pop by our official event packet pick-up!

Where?
- Marklund Philip Center- Ann Haskins Entrance
  164 S. Prairie Ave., Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

When?
- Friday, April 22: 4 - 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 23: 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

And yes, you may pick up others/team packets with their consent!

Marklund Day School - Bloomingdale
"Ann Haskins Center"



Event day parking

1) **DuJardin Elementary School -** 166 Euclid Ave.

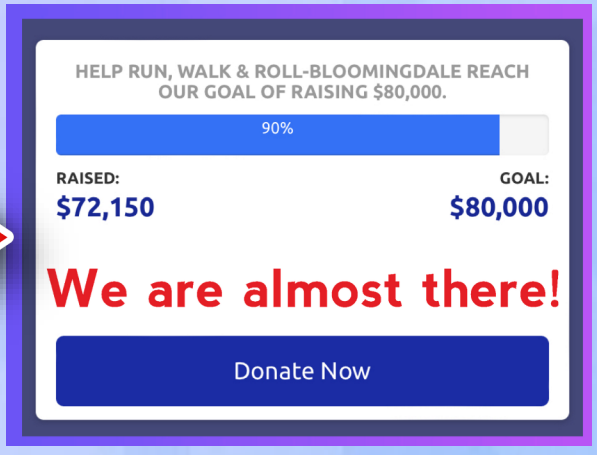
2) Bloomingdale Park District- Johnston Recreation Center— 172 S Circle Ave.

3) Overflow parking: West Field Middle School - 149 Fairfield Way

Parking at the Marklund Philip Center will be for vendors, sponsors and handicapped ONLY.

Online donations are still OPEN!

Help Marklund reach our GOAL.



**And don't forget to have the donor type in which team to support –
Marklund Philip Center or **Marklund Day School- Bloomingdale**.
https://p2p.onecause.com/rwrbloomingdale/teams

ATTENTION
Parapros:
Training Opportunity

Are you interested in being crossed trained at one of our residential facilities to work as a Direct Support Provider (DSP)? Now is your chance!

- Training consists of 120 hours
- **80 hours of FLEXIBLE** floor training (completed on MDS closed days or on the weekend)
- **40 hours of FLEXIBLE** computer training (can be completed from 4p-6p after your para pro shift, weekends, on your days off)
- CPR and First Aid trained
- Be added to Illinois Healthcare Worker Registry

Please reach out to Samantha Bohr at sbohr@marklund.org by May 2nd for more information and to sign up!

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*Photos featured taken prior to COVID-19 restrictions.

Spring Marklund Gear Collection!

https://www.hyperstitch.com/category/businesses/marklund/

Marklund has fun **new 2022 spring spiritwear** options to introduce, complete with our logos and hashtags for staff, residents, volunteers and supporters. All items are available for purchase directly through the website found above. Also, Look for the button below on the Marklund website homepage for easy access to make your order.

MARKLUND MERCHANDISE

Free Shipping instructions is for Staff and residents ONLY. If you are willing to wait for your merch, there is an option for FREE SHIPPING: enter the Marklund Hyde Center's address: 1S450 Wyatt Drive, Geneva, Illinois, 60134, in the "shipping address" portion of your order.

Contact Hyperstitch directly for any order/clothing questions or concerns at https://www.hyperstitch.com/contact-us/