

Friday, June 3, 2022

Board of Directors,

Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- Since my last report, Marklund has received just over **\$2M** from the State of Illinois. Our aging for Residential and Community Day Services, through May has remained the same at \$4.8M. We have the entire \$7M line of credit available.
- We received FINAL approval for the construction of the **Nathan Education Center** from the Elgin City Council, on Wednesday, May 25. We should receive our permit very soon. Demolition of the office building on Hunter Drive. was completed on May 20. The **Locker Room/Maintenance** building in Geneva well under construction and is slated to be completed by December 7. The NEC is projected to be completed by the end of February.
- We received an extremely generous...amazing...gift of **\$2M** last week that was unsolicited and unexpected. It has been designated by management to go toward our current M2030 construction projects. This will ensure that our projects will be funded without the need for a construction loan.
- We found out late last week that the First Notice for **Rule 115** will be published in the Illinois Register on **June 10**...finally! The comment period will run from June 10 through July 25. We are very hopeful that this modified version from the original draft will make our LIFTS concept possible. The deadline for Illinois to get aligned with federal mandates is March 17, 2023. We are continuing to explore whether DHS rules in Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan would allow us to move forward with our small cluster concept. We found out that Iowa rules would not allow our model.
- We met with RDL Architects and FCL Builders on Monday, May 16, to review current plans for the **expansion/renovation** of **MWC/MPC**. We have contracted with ARCH to do a facilities assessment of both sites. The current plan is to have a comprehensive construction document and cost estimates for both facilities by early July. During our discussion we came up with a new alternative that would be a significantly more cost-effective option for the Elgin expansion. MWC would increase from 61 to 75 beds and MPC from 21 to 29 beds. The plan is to have a full discussion of the projects at the August board retreat.
- We had an amazing day to celebrate our *sold-out* **40th Golf Classic** yesterday with an enthusiastic group of golfers. We don't have the final number but it was definitely a record-breaking success! A BIG thanks to **Frank** and **Jerry** who had foursomes at the event and a number of board members who donated to the Fund-in-Need.
- Our **Fiscal year-end appeal**, featuring long-time resident, TC, is going well and fundraising is trending ahead of the past two years. If you are interested in making a gift to help us reach our matching gift by June 30, visit <https://www.marklund.org/give/>
- In addition, our spring campaign for the Marklund Wasmond Center, **Project Playground**, is in full swing with an \$80,000 goal to build a terrific play area in the courtyard. To learn more please visit <https://p2p.onecause.com/projectplayground>
- Just as a reminder, the Board meeting dates for 2022 are: **June 23**, **August 18** (Board Retreat – **NEW DATE**), and **October 27**. All of these dates should be in your Outlook. The **proposed** dates for 2023 are: **January 26**, **April 6**, May 25 (Finance), **June 22**, August 10 (Board Retreat), and **October 26**.
- The **June board** meeting will be held in the multi-purpose room of the **Foglia Education Center** (FEC). Finance will be held in the FEC conference room. We added a telcon system to the FEC multi-purpose room so that we will continue to have the ability for board members to ZOOM if needed.

Thank you for your continued commitment to those we serve. The guidance and support that you provide is vital to making our mission and vision a reality.

I look forward to seeing you at the Board meeting on the 23rd.

God bless you!

Gil

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