

Friday, May 6, 2022

Board of Directors,

Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- Since my last report, Marklund has received just over **\$2.1M** from the State of Illinois. Our aging for Residential and Community Day Services, through April has remained the same at \$4.8M. We borrowed \$900K during the month from our line of credit; the entire \$7M line was available at the end of the month.
- We received unanimous approval for the construction of the **Nathan Education Center** from the Elgin Zoning and Planning Committee, on April 4. I will meet with the Elgin City Council next Wednesday (May 11) for final approval. We should be able to receive our permit shortly after it comes before the Council, as part of a consent agenda, on May 25.
- The **Locker Room/Maintenance** building in Geneva is currently slated to be completed by December 7 and the **Nathan Education Center** by February 23.
- We still don't have any clarity on where **Rule 115** is in the rulemaking process. I spoke to State Representative Anna Moeller about it and expressed our frustration. We do know that the rule needs to be modified by March 17, 2023, to comply with Federal mandates. We are currently exploring whether DHS rules in Wisconsin would allow us to move forward with our small cluster concept.
- We will be meeting with RDL Architects and FCL Builders on Mon, May 16, to review the current plans for the **expansion/renovation of MWC/MPC**. We have contracted with ARCH to do a facilities assessment of both facilities. The current plan is to have a comprehensive construction document and cost estimates for both facilities by early July. The plan is to have a full discussion of the projects at the August board retreat.
- The Leadership staff had our first **DE & I** (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion) training with an outside consultant on April 13. We will work with him over the next three months to develop a DE & I Committee, a DE & I statement for the organization and the beginnings of a comprehensive plan.
- Due to the generosity of our donors - and a lucky break in the rain, we had a very successful 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary **Run, Walk & Roll - Bloomingdale 5K/1M event!** With 479 participants, we were able to raise over \$64,000 in net proceeds for Marklund, exceeding our budgeted goal of \$60K. Special thanks to **Duane Fitch** and the Fitch Foundation for being the title sponsor of the event, as well **Dan Foley** and Cobra Concrete for sponsoring our Race Crew, and **Carie Carney** and **Ari Smith** for their generous support and participation.
- We're excited to celebrate our **40<sup>th</sup> Golf Classic** on June 2nd. Our anniversary Fund-in-Need goal is \$40,000 to fill the funding gap for our residents. I appreciate those of you who have already committed to a FIN gift and/or registering, or sponsoring the event. If you would still like to sign up, or participate in our special FIN ask, please visit our website <https://www.marklund.org/golfclassic/> or simply let me or Heather know. The Golf brochure is attached.
- 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, visit <https://www.marklund.org/give/>
- I want to thank the following board members who were able to attend the Groundbreaking of the **Nathan Education Center** on April 25: **Jim Armbruster, Carie Carney, Carol Donahue, Dan Foley, Mike Herlihy, Laura Karlins, Yaneth Medina, Frank Murnane, Jr., Ari Smith & Jack Zimmerman**. It was great to have State Representative **Anna Moeller** and State Senator **Christina Castor** also attend.
- As I shared with the staff yesterday in my **Mother's Day** message:

As we prepare to celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday, it is an opportunity for us to remember that our organization began with a mother's selfless act to entrust the care of her child (Mark William Lund) to another mother, **Claire Haverkampf**, in order to give him a better chance for a full life. And how that small beginning led to Marklund serving thousands of children and their families over the past 68 years.

More than ever...thank you for all you do, **everyday**, to continue that legacy of loving care to those we serve.

### **Happy Mother's Day!**

- Just as a reminder, the Board meeting dates for **2022** are: May 19 (Finance), **June 23**, August 25 (Board Retreat), and **October 27**. All of these dates should be in your Outlook.

Here are the **proposed** dates for **2023**: **January 26**, **April 6**, May 25 (Finance), **June 22**, August 17 (Board Retreat), and **October 26**.

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.

God bless you!

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