

Aug. 5, 2022

Board of Directors,

Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- Since my last report, Marklund has received just under **\$2M** from the State of Illinois. Our aging for Residential and Community Day Services, through July increased by \$100K to \$5M. We are currently using \$400K of our \$7M line of credit.
- On July 5, we received an extension of our **Provisional CILA license** until December 31, 2022. We sent in our comments...again...on the June release by DHS of **Rule 115**. The new rule will go before JCAR sometime this fall (it isn't on their agenda this month). We should certainly know by December whether or not Illinois is going to allow our LIFTS concept.
- Continuing with **LIFTS**...thanks to State Rep. Anna Moeller, we had a ZOOM meeting with **Secretary Grace Hou** (IDHS) and Interim DHS-DD **Director Sarah Myerscough-Muller** on July 5. We shared with them our concerns about Rule 115 and how it will preclude us from expanding into CILAs in Illinois. We shared that Marklund is exploring group home options in other states. Director Muller said that she is open to visiting our Geneva facility and to discuss our concept (which I sent to her). She has not replied to my invitation...yet.
- We were able to get our two neighbors to the south of the Nathan Education Center to sign the **easement agreement** on July 20! This allows us to use the existing sanitary sewer line and eliminates the need to build a new one which (happily!) saves us time and almost \$150K in construction costs.
- I have attached my **FY22** goals/results and my goals for **FY23**, both were reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee at their meeting last month.
- Registration for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual **Run, Walk & Roll-Geneva 5K/1M** is now OPEN! To register, sponsor or create a team, please visit <https://p2p.onecause.com/geneva-rwr>. This event can be done in person or virtually. We are grateful to the Fitch Foundation for being our title sponsor.
- Our **Project Playground** was a huge success! Our goal was to raise \$80K and we ended up raising \$86K! These funds will create a much needed accessible playground in the courtyard of MWC. We have not finalized a construction date but hope to do so soon.
- Please "Save-the-Date" for our Annual **Leadership Giving Circle** Donor Reception on **Thursday, September 15** from 6-8 pm at Aurora Country Club.
- Just as a reminder, here are the remaining Board meeting dates for **2022**: Thursday, August 18 (Board Retreat), and **October 27**. The dates for **2023** are: **January 26**, **April 6**, May 25 (Finance), **June 22**, August 10 (Board Retreat), and **October 26**. All of these dates should be in your Outlook.

- The **Board Retreat** will be held at the Foglia Education Center (Geneva) on **Thursday, August 18, from 8:45 am – 2:00 pm**. There will be a short board meeting. No ZOOM will be available for the retreat so it is hoped that everyone can attend in person. We have a lot to cover!

Packets will be sent **next Thursday**. Please note that we will take a group picture just before lunch. In addition, you will have the opportunity to tour the Geneva construction site after the retreat. Please wear appropriate shoes.

I hope you had a great **Coast Guard Day** yesterday (August 4)! 😊 I look forward to seeing you at the retreat. Thank you for all that you do to make our mission and vision a reality.

God bless you!

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