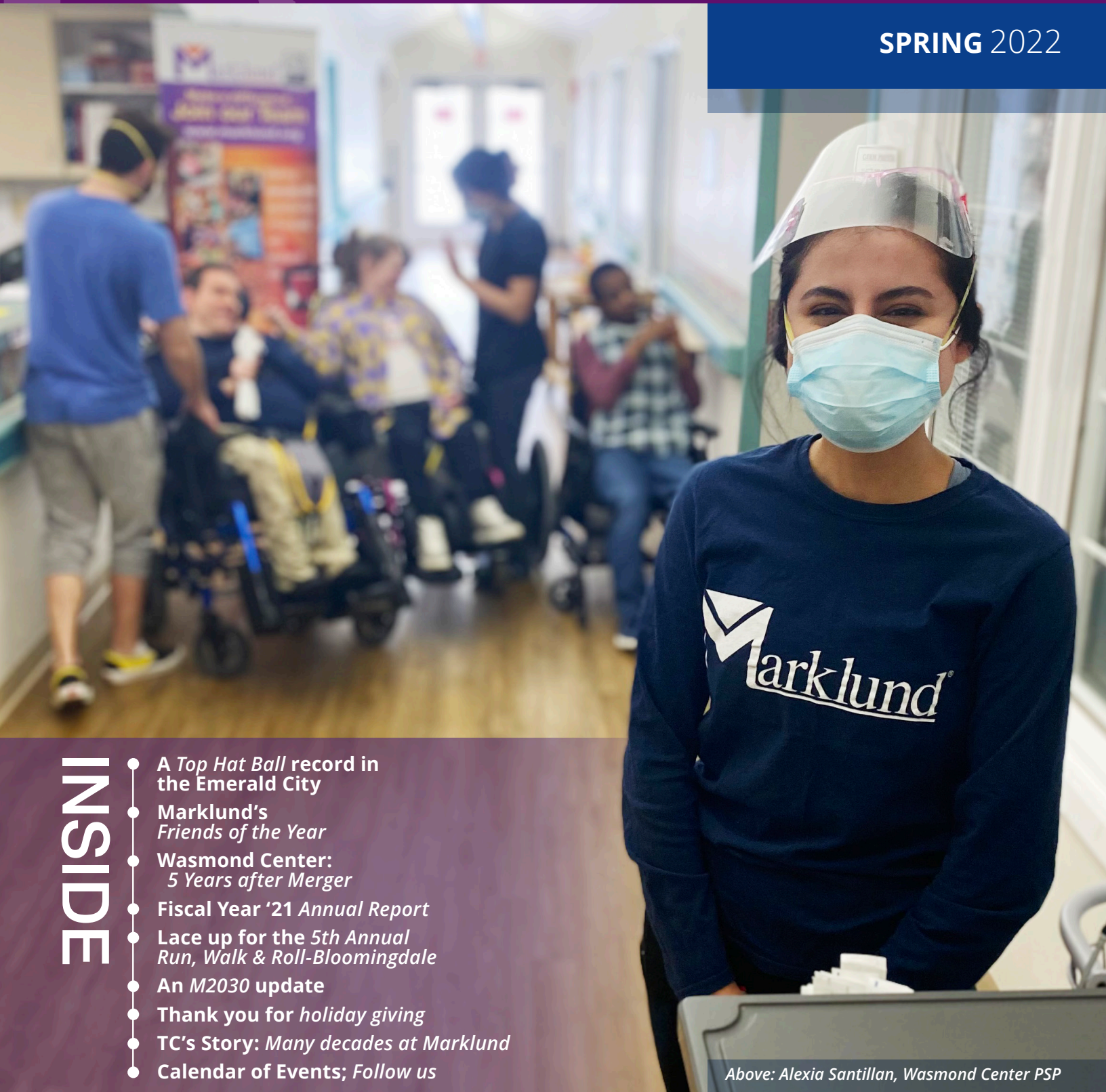


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Above: Alexia Santillan, Wasmond Center PSP

We Are Marklund

Making everyday life possible for individuals with profound disabilities



Glinda the Good Witch welcomes guests



Event Chairs and Co-Chairs, Tom Roule, Catie and Max Schmidt, Kelly Roule

Save the date for the 27th Annual Top Hat Ball: **Feb. 4, 2023**

There's no place like... the Top Hat Ball!

We dared to dream when we welcomed guests to our 26th Annual Top Hat Ball, *An Evening in the Emerald City*, and our dreams came true! This hybrid event, with 486 guests back in the ballroom at the Chicago Marriott Hotel on the Magnificent Mile, and many others taking part in our virtual version from home, not only transported all to the magical world of Oz but rang up Marklund's largest net income for a gala event: **\$928,000!**

"The vibe throughout the night was gratitude - all around, from our volunteers, to our guests and sponsors"

Complete with Good and Wicked witches, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion, flying monkey, and dancing Emerald City residents, this year's event allowed guests to safely join together for an evening of fun and fundraising to support the care of Marklund residents.

"The vibe throughout the night was gratitude - all around, from our volunteers, to our guests and sponsors," said Heather Graves, Chief Development Officer. "Gratitude to be together again, gratitude for everyone's patience with COVID precautions, and gratitude to be part of such a fantastic group of humans - all there to support Marklund. The event committee, led by Event Chairs Catie and Max Schmidt, and Co-Chairs Kelly and Tom Roule, outdid themselves, volunteering so much time and effort striving for perfection! It was a perfect night!"

Find photos and videos from the event on our website at www.marklund.org/tophatball, as well as our social media sites.

Background photo: A Ruby Slipper Ice Sculpture wows guests



Marklund's Friends of the Year: Sandy and Mike Herlihy

Sandy and Mike Herlihy, longtime Marklund supporters, received Marklund's 2022 Friends of the Year honor. Presented at this year's Top Hat Ball in February, the award is given since 1979 to an individual or business that has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to support Marklund's mission.

Through the years, "Sandy and Mike have truly become champions for our residents, community clients and students not only by their continued financial support but through their dedicated service and leadership roles on the Marklund Board of Directors and multiple volunteer committees," said Gil Fonger, Marklund President and CEO.

"Thank you for this recognition," Mike said upon receiving the award. "We don't think we've done enough...yet, to deserve it." Over the years they have been associated with Marklund, the organization has "grown, merged, grown some more, built schools, improved technology, navigated a pandemic, and so much more. But most importantly, we have seen more incredible human love, compassion and creativity focused on helping those we serve than we could have imagined. Marklund gets it right."

"Back where I come from there are men who do nothing all day but good deeds. They are called phila...er, phila...er, good Dee Doers!"

- The Wizard of Oz

TC's Story: Calling Marklund home for many years

You can make twice the difference for TC and his friends at Marklund!

**Your gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to a total of \$25,000,
by an anonymous donor if made by June 30!**



When my son Tommy was born, the joy of holding him was finally here! Joy soon turned to worry – as he wasn't developing as he should. After months of testing, he was diagnosed with developmental disabilities, and I was told my son would require 24/7 care for the rest of his life. All of the milestones I was excited for as a new mother – watching him take his first steps, hearing his first words...were slipping away. The future was uncertain, but I loved him, and brought him home to care for him.

Tommy proved to be a fast learner growing up. He would point to "yes" or "no" on a tray to communicate, and learned all his colors. As he entered adulthood, I knew he needed more in life than going to school and coming home. He deserved the opportunities his younger brothers had, like extracurricular activities, and friendships...so it was time to look for somewhere special for him to live.

We visited several facilities, and Tommy hated ALL of them! I was losing hope until we visited Marklund. Although he could not verbalize it, I could see in his eyes and smile that he was saying, "Mom, this is the place for me!"

When he moved to Marklund, he immediately loved it. Staff began to affectionately call him "TC." He became fast friends with his roommate Nick, and they are still roommates today, 30 years later! His therapists found him the perfect communication device, and his personality is shining brighter than ever. He also gets to enjoy all of his favorite hobbies, especially sports. He was so thrilled when he got to see the Harlem Globetrotters, and over the years, he has been to more Cubs games than I have!

I talk to TC every other night, and his group home manager, Carly, arranges Zoom calls for us, too. He celebrated his birthday in February, and we got the whole family together on Zoom to celebrate with him!

Today, I'm asking you to be a part of the joy that fills Marklund. Your gift will transform lives like my son's, and the many other children and adults that call Marklund their home.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,
Karen, TC's mother



Return this form in the envelope provided with this newsletter

Enclosed is my gift:

☐ \$25 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$1000 ☐ \$ _____

Payment Method

- ☐ Check enclosed (payable to Marklund)
☐ Please charge my credit card
☐ I commit to a monthly gift of \$ _____

☐ I (we) wish to remain anonymous My birthday is: ____/____ (MM/DD)

I would like more information about

- ☐ Volunteering or taking a tour at Marklund
☐ Naming Marklund in my will
☐ Doubling my gift with a match by my employer

This gift is ☐ in honor ☐ in memory of _____

Credit Card Information

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Credit card number _____

Expiration date _____

CVV number _____

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Signature _____



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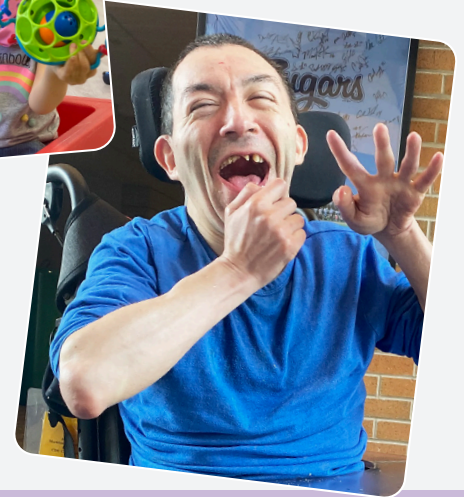
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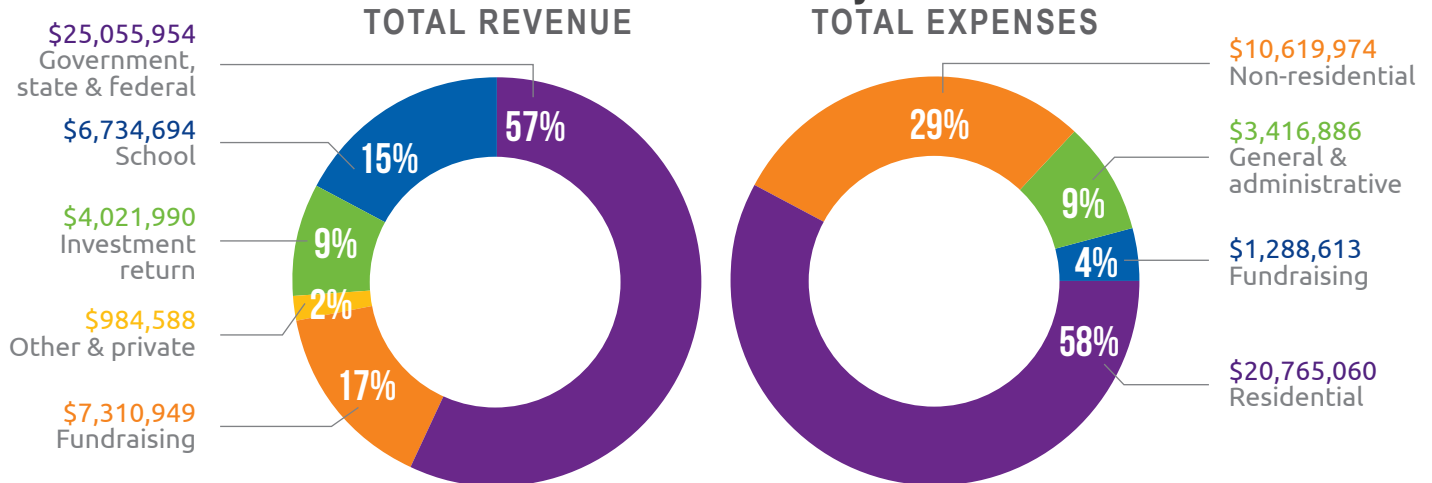
Thank you for being a part of the Marklund community!

While it would be easy to say the year was stunted by the pandemic, Marklund wouldn't let that stop our progress. We are excited to share the highlights of our last completed fiscal year; all of which was possible thanks to you!

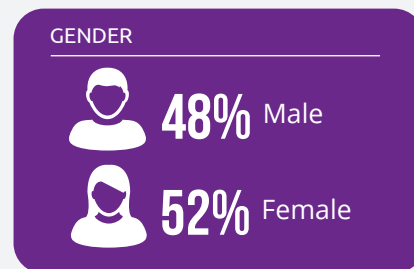
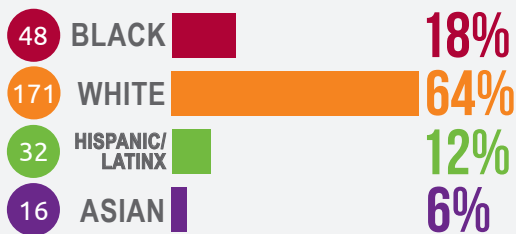
As a critical part of the Marklund story, you help us live out our mission of making everyday life possible for individuals with profound disabilities.



Financial Summary

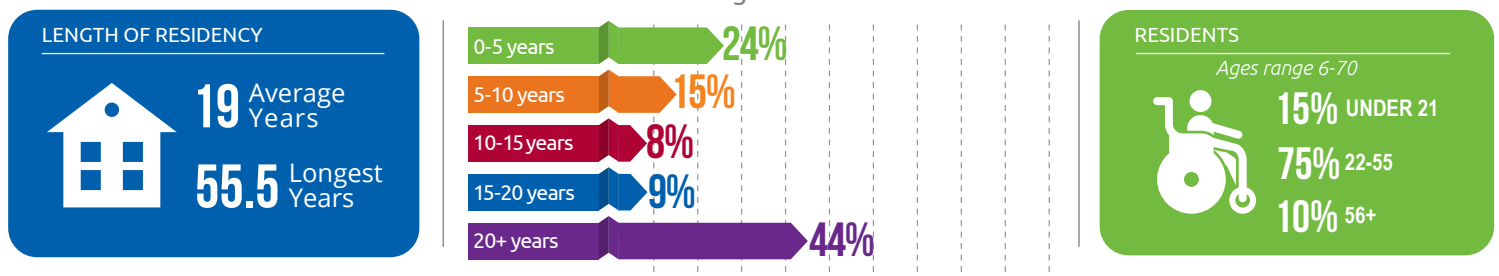


In fiscal year 2021, Marklund served a total of 267 individuals in our three core programs.



Of those served, 182 were residents.

Years living at Marklund





2021 Marklund

Giving Tree

Gift Drive

On behalf of the children and adults served by Marklund, **THANK YOU** for opening your hearts this holiday season.

Your generosity filled our homes and residents' lives with joy and helped us with our mission of making everyday life possible for individuals with profound disabilities.

M2030 Strategic Plan – Campus Expansion Update

M2030



Coming Soon: The Nathan Education Center, Elgin IL



We're very pleased to announce that our future offsite education facility in Elgin will be named **The Nathan Education Center at Marklund**. Named in honor of Nathan A., a young man who had resided at Marklund for many years, the new structure will allow us to offer Community Day Services/Marklund Day School services specifically for students transitioning from the Marklund Day School program. In addition, we will offer a new BridgeBuilder program for adults on the autism spectrum. Groundbreaking is scheduled for April with completion slated for December. Visit www.marklund.org/m2030 for updates.

SAVE THE DATE:

for the
40th Annual Marklund Golf Classic
June 2, 2022



5 YEARS LATER **Marklund Wasmond Center**

Marklund merged with Little Angels Center for Exceptional Care in 2016. Since then, \$1.6 million has been invested in facility improvements and more than \$2.1 million has been raised to support the staff and the care of the residents.

Improvements

BUSINESS EFFICIENCY:

- Provided full services of Human Resources, Finance, IT, Development, Marketing, Therapy and Education departments
- Upgraded benefit offerings
- Salary adjustments and merit increases

NEW/REPLACED:

- **70 Desktop/Laptop Computers \$63,000**
 - Monitors
 - 30+ Phones
 - IT and Phone Servers
 - Copiers
 - Software Licensing
 - Comcast Ethernet Circuit cabling and service
 - Zoom Room upgrades
- **61 beds**
 - Inner and outer Automatic Sliding Doors at Main Entrance
 - Inner Automatic Sliding Door at CDS entrance.
 - Three 60-pound Washers and one 75-pound Dryer
- **Video Cameras and Surveillance system**
 - Panic Button system
 - Data Cabling system
- **Two Classrooms to bring Marklund Day School on-site \$332,990**
- **Flooring and carpeting throughout most hallways, report rooms, offices, restrooms, entrance areas and classrooms**
 - Street-side Monument Sign
- **Smartboards for all classrooms**
 - Water Heater
 - Kitchen Range with 2 ovens

REMODELED:

- **Completely renovated Spa and Pool \$250,000**
 - Therapy office converted into a bedroom on North Side
 - Utility room converted into a bathing room on North Side
 - Office converted into Activity Room
- **Dental office \$60,000**
- **Reconfigured office areas and replaced office furniture**
 - Roof
 - CDS north and west sidewalk areas
 - Painted hallways, bedrooms, great room, reception area, offices, classrooms
 - 3 Bathing Closets
 - Painted Carport Ceiling and Overhang, added signage
 - Parking Lot—Seal Coating and Repaving

MEDICAL & THERAPY:

- **Full-time On-site Therapy Team**
 - Oxygen Concentrators
 - 4 Hoyer Lifts
- **Installed Caretracker electronic medical record system, now replaced with Point, Click, Care EMR**
 - CPR Simulator and Trach Simulator
 - Airvo Humidifier Equipment and Metaneb Nebulizer machines
 - VOSCAN Vent machine
 - 2 Bladder Scanners
 - Vital Signs Monitors
 - 2 ABI Vest Machines & Replacement Vests
 - Changing Tables
 - Standers
 - Freedom Adaptive Bike
 - Motomed
 - Personal warming systems

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY:

- **Peer-to-Peer campaigns raised funds specifically for dental office renovation, new bedroom furniture, and pool/spa renovation**
 - Since the merger, MWC has received a portion of funds raised through each of Marklund's regular fundraising efforts



Next Up: Project Playground, 2022, a special fundraiser with families and friends of the Wasmond Center to construct an adaptive playground behind the Community Day Services building. Visit www.marklund.org/playground for details.

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5 YEARS OF

Running, Walking & Rolling in Bloomingdale!

Sunday, April 24, 2022

8:30 A.M. 5K/1Mile Start

Event Apparel
Finisher Medal
USATF Certified Course
5K Chipped Timing
Food and Beverages
Fundraising Prizes



Marklund
**RUN
WALK
& ROLL**
5K/1MILE
5th Anniversary

Join Marklund this spring as we return in-person (and virtual!)
for the **5th Annual Run, Walk & Roll-Bloomingdale 5K/1Mile** event!
Sunday, April 24, Marklund Philip Center, 164 S Prairie Ave, Bloomingdale.
Your participation and/or fundraising supports the care of the
residents and students we serve at Marklund.

Register and Fundraise at
www.marklund.org/5kbloomingdale



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A newsletter for those who care about **Marklund**

CARE LETTER

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www.marklund.org
info@marklund.org

Upcoming Events



● **5th Annual
Run, Walk & Roll-Bloomingtondale**
April 24, 2022



● **40th Annual
Marklund Golf Classic**
June 2, 2022



● **10th Annual
Run, Walk & Roll-Geneva**
October 16, 2022



● **27th Annual
Top Hat Ball**
February 4, 2023

OUR LOCATIONS

Marklund Hyde Center & Foglia Education Center at Marklund Day School-Geneva

1S450 Wyatt Drive
Geneva, Illinois 60134
Phone: 630.593.5500

Marklund Philip Center

164 S. Prairie Avenue
Bloomingtondale, Illinois 60108
Phone: 630.529.2871

Marklund Wasmond Center & School

1435 Summit Street
Elgin, Illinois 60120
Phone: 224.523.7530

Marklund Day School & Ann Haskins Center

164 S. Prairie Avenue
Bloomingtondale, Illinois 60108
Phone: 630.307.1882

