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We Are Marklund

Making *everyday life* possible for individuals with profound disabilities

Yanary Labrador, a 14-year employee of Marklund's Hyde Center campus in Geneva, received this year's Claire Haverkamp Commemorative Award, Marklund's employee-of-the-year recognition. Having worked as a nurse in her native homeland of Cuba, she joined the Marklund family in 2008, a few years after moving to America.

"Seventeen years ago, I moved to this country not knowing a word of English... Marklund took me in, Marklund understood me, Marklund helped me grow, Marklund became my second family," she said.

Never having worked with people with severe disabilities before coming to Marklund, she used her nurse's training to thrive as a Personal Support Provider (PSP). Over the years, she took on additional roles as a Preceptor, Marklund Ambassador, and Lead PSP and serves on committees focusing on Employee Appreciation, and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. "These days, she is often referred to as one of our loudest cheerleaders," one coworker said. "She lights up the room for residents and staff alike, regularly going out of her way to make sure all staff and residents feel part of the Marklund family."

According to one of her nominators, she knows every resident on campus and has developed strong bonds with them, several of whom have been with her since the day she started.

The Award, named after Marklund's founder, is presented annually to an employee who demonstrates a true commitment to the mission of making everyday life possible for individuals with profound disabilities. The person also exhibits compassion, dignity and respect for the clients, and maintains a positive attitude and strong work ethic, which serve as an inspiration to others at Marklund. As another nominators stated: "Yanary truly is the modern day Claire Haverkampf!"

MARKLUND'S EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR: YANARY LABRADOR



Mark Lund



Turns **68**

On Dec. 21, our organization's namesake, Mark William Lund, would have celebrated his 68th birthday. While he is not here to do so, Marklund is proud to be carrying on Mark's legacy and that of our founders, Claire and Stan Haverkampf, who accepted Mark as a foster child a few days after his birth. Born in 1954 with Down syndrome and severe cardiac issues, Mark was not able to be cared for at his own home, so his parents, John and Pat, made the ultimate sacrifice in accepting assistance in caring for their infant son. The Haverkamps gave the ultimate gift, not only of caring for Mark, but for many other children who followed over the years. That day in late December 1954, when they met a newborn, they had no idea the impact that they would make by creating a loving home in which children with special needs and developmental disabilities could thrive. **Happy birthday, Mark!**



Honoring Friends of the Year:
Catie and Max Schmidt

Saturday, February 4, 2023

Marriott Magnificent Mile

6:00 pm – 12:30 am

Event Chairs:
Kelly and Tom Roule

Event Vice Chairs:
Sandy and Mike Herlihy

#27TopHat

A throwback to the era that started it all!

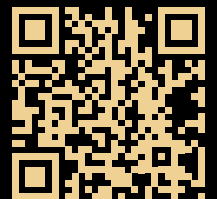
Grab your dyn-o-mite dresses, and leisure suits, and boogie on down to the Marriott Mag Mile for our 27th Annual Top Hat: *"Marklund's Disco Ball: A Night at Studio M!"* You're going to dig all we have in store for this epic event!

Get ready to do the Hustle with *Travolta*, Turn Back Time with *Cher*, and pose for pics with the Macho *Village People* and others throughout the evening because our entertainment lineup will bring you back to the era that started it all!

As Marklund's signature fundraising event, the Top Hat Ball features live and silent auctions, Super Bowl squares, and a chance to "raise your auction paddle" buy one-of-a-kind travel packages and donate in support of our mission to make everyday life possible for the children and adults with profound developmental disabilities served by Marklund. Once admitted into our Studio M, guests will be treated to a champagne bar, cocktail hour, retro games area, photo booth action, top-flight dinner, dancing to a live band, and a late-night food spread.

*A virtual participation option is available as well.
Visit our website to learn more!*

Aim your smart phone's camera or QR reader app at the QR code on this page, or visit www.marklund.org/tophatball to make your reservations today.



Resident joins Top Hat Ball Committee

A resident of Marklund since she was a young child, Heather D. is an official Top Hat Ball Ambassador and member of the event's planning committee this year. Able to communicate via special eye-gaze technology that she learned to use with the assistance of Marklund's therapy team, Heather recently welcomed committee members in-person at its kick-off meeting earlier this fall. She was also featured in a special Top Hat Ball save-the-date video shared on Marklund's website and social media.

"We are thrilled to have Heather on the committee for a second year," noted Jeannine Zupo, director of signature events. "The other members truly enjoyed connecting with her as it gave them the opportunity to see how their support of Marklund benefits our residents."



An amazing day for Marklund's 5K

Check out event photos and 5K results on our website at www.marklund.org/5k.

Since its initial run in 2013, the Run, Walk & Roll series held in Geneva and Bloomingdale has net

\$936,000!



Some ran, some walked, others rolled.

With 671 participants joining in onsite or virtually, Marklund's 10th Annual Run, Walk & Roll-Geneva (RWR) triumphed at the finish line with a record-breaking net of \$103,000 raised, the first time one of Marklund's RWR events topped the \$100K mark!

"We had a gorgeous morning for this special 10th anniversary event, and are so grateful to everyone who joined us as either a participant, volunteer or sponsor," said Celine Pierce, race director.



M 2030

Strategic Plan Update



PROGRESS! Significant progress has been made on the three current capital projects included so far in Marklund's M2030 Strategic Plan.

1. Staff and residents at the Marklund Hyde Center in Geneva are happily making use of the recently expanded locker room area which opened this fall adjacent to the indoor therapy pool. This expansion allows more residents/students to receive the important benefits of aquatic therapy each week while also giving therapy staff a private locker room area, offices and storage.
2. Occupancy for the new 3-bay Maintenance Garage, built behind the Hyde Center, is on schedule to take place in this winter. Featuring _____ square feet, it includes 3-vehicle bays, office areas as well as first- and second-floor storage.
3. With the delivery of precast walls and installation of the roof, the Nathan Education Center in Elgin is fully enclosed and on schedule for opening in the spring of 2023. This newest Marklund site will house classrooms for the Bridge Builder CDS program, Marklund's first offsite Day Services program, as well as additional classrooms for Marklund Day School and a shared Multipurpose area.



Among those participating were Carol Matchen and her son, Jake, a Marklund resident, who have participated in each of these events for the past 10 years. "I wouldn't even call it a tradition—it's just what we do because we love Marklund and want to support it together," Carol said.

Hal Honeyman and his family also participated in the event over the past several years, and this year enjoyed seeing his son, Jacob, another resident, serve as this year's Resident

Ambassador, starting off the race using his communication device.

"Team Jacob is proud to give back to this incredible organization," he said. "Marklund has made a huge impact on the lives of our son and our family. We are so fortunate to have Jacob now be a part of the Marklund family!"

"We especially appreciate those individuals and teams who created personal fundraising pages and brought in donations by reaching out to their peers," Pierce added. This

year's teams raised \$45,365.

Nearly 125 volunteers supported the event before and during race day, while many family members of Marklund residents put in extra effort to make sure their loved ones had a chance to take part as well.

A big thanks goes to the presenting sponsor, Fitch Foundation, as well as the several businesses and individuals who signed on as event sponsors or joined in the after-race Party in the Park.

OUR LOCATIONS

MARKLUND HYDE CENTER

15450 Wyatt Drive, Geneva, Illinois 60134
Phone: 630.593.5500 | Fax: 630.593.5501
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) for adults. 25-acre campus includes Six 16-bed Residential Homes, Community Day Services program, on-site heated aquatic therapy pool, main administrative offices, therapy program, and Miracle League ballfield. 96 residents plus community day clients.

MARKLUND PHILIP CENTER

164 S. Prairie Ave., Bloomingdale, Illinois 60108
Phone: 630.529.2871 | Fax: 630.529.3266
Medically Complex/DD Facility for children and adults. Skilled nursing, Community Day Services, therapy services, and recreational and community activities. 21 residents.

MARKLUND WASMOND CENTER & SCHOOL

1435 Summit Street, Elgin, Illinois 60120
Phone: 224.523.7530 | Fax: 847.622.5523
Medically Complex/DD Facility for children and adults. Skilled nursing, Community Day Services, therapy services, recreational and community activities. Five-acre campus includes residential facility and the Community Day Services center. 61 residents. Site also features two Marklund Day School-Elgin classrooms for students in the Multi-Needs Program.

MARKLUND DAY SCHOOL - BLOOMINGDALE Ann Haskins Center

164 S. Prairie Ave., Bloomingdale, Illinois 60108
Phone: 630.307.1882 | Fax: 630.307.6491

MARKLUND DAY SCHOOL - GENEVA, Foglia Education Center

15450 Wyatt Drive, Geneva, Illinois 60134
Phone: 630.307.1882

Our non-public state-certified school partners with area school districts to provide a highly specialized education experience for students ages 3-21. The **Multi-Needs Program** serves those with medical, developmental, and physical disabilities, while the **Life Skills Program**, provides individualized curriculum and supports for students on the Autism Spectrum, those with emotional/behavioral disorders, specific learning disabilities, and developmental disabilities.

MARKLUND NATHAN EDUCATION CENTER - ELGIN Future Site

1210 Hunter Dr., Elgin, Illinois 601208
The new 16,000-square-foot Nathan Education Center will feature five Marklund Day School classrooms and others for the new Bridge Builder Community Day Services (CDS) program for adults in the community needing program support.

Our 2022 Annual Appeal



"We begin our relationship with Marklund as friends, but quickly evolve into family, helping to take care of family." Mike Herlihy, Marklund Board Chair, believes this is the *Marklund Magic*. Doesn't this capture the meaning of the holiday season? Friends who've become family, caring for others. **Togetherness.** At Marklund, the magic doesn't disappear after the holidays. We see the magic – everyday – thanks to you! A family of staff, friends and supporters working to provide opportunities of growth, independence and connection for each Marklund resident, community client and student.

We want to **THANK YOU** for your ongoing support of our mission. It is your dedication that allows us to deliver on our promise of making **everyday life** possible for the children and adults we serve. From our family to yours, we wish you a blessed holiday season! Looking ahead to the new year, our hope is to spread the *Marklund Magic* – new friends, new programs, and a greater Marklund impact in 2023!

God bless you!

Gilbert W. Fonger
President/CEO
gfonger@marklund.org



PS - Today's donation will be doubled thanks to a generous match up to \$25,000 by an anonymous donor.

I would like to help Marklund Charities make a difference! I would like to contribute:

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

Payment Method

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

This gift is ☐ in honor ☐ in memory 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

GIVE today. **IMPACT** tomorrow.

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Credit Card Information

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Credit card number _____

Expiration date _____

CVV number _____

Name on card _____

Signature _____



Take Stock Always

in Supporting Marklund

With year-end giving season on the horizon, you might be considering ways to support the charitable organizations you hold dear. Marklund would like to remind you about a meaningful way to make an immediate impact this holiday season with gifts of securities.

Even in volatile market times, making a stock donation to Marklund may still be a good option for you!

- You will make a bigger impact (for less). More and more donors like you are choosing gifts of securities for not only the tax benefits, but a way to achieve philanthropic goals without reaching for your wallet.
- You will help make a difference, in a matter of minutes. You can turn intent into impact with a quick phone call, or log-in to your brokerage account.
- You will receive our timely and sincere gratitude, for making an impact for our residents and students today!

For more information, contact Chief Development Officer, Heather Graves at graves@marklund.org or (630) 593-5479.

*Celebrating **20** Years in Geneva*

This year, the Marklund Hyde Center celebrated its 20th Anniversary! Several of our current staff were there when we opened the doors. Find their stories at www.marklund.org/20years.



*With Holiday Season just a flip of the calendar away, now is the perfect time to start setting the stage for your holiday giving. Through our annual **Giving Tree** gift drive, donors may share their holiday spirit in a fun way!*



Giving Trees Each year, staff work hard at creating wish lists with each one of our residents. The residents' top gift ideas, along with a little personal info, are then featured on individual Giving Tree Cards which are hung on holiday trees, as shown in this CareLetter's cover photo, featuring Celia and Tiernan. Those who wish to be holiday elves this year and pick up some gifts for our residents can do so in one of three ways:

- **Stop in any of our locations and pick one or more of these cards off the Giving Trees in our lobbies**
- **Request an entire collection of the resident cards specific to whichever Marklund location you prefer, and share with your co-workers**
- **Set up your own giving tree at your place of business to allow your guests/customers to select resident giving tree cards which we provide to you**

Churches, businesses and organizations in Kane, DuPage and Cook counties join in each year, allowing us to make sure all of our residents have a very special Christmas.

For the past 18 years, the gift drive has been coordinated by Cathy Nikrandt, Marklund's Manager of Volunteer Engagement. Retiring in January 2023, this holiday season with be Cathy's last at playing Santa's helper for Marklund residents. "I am so thankful for all of the wonderful donors and volunteers that have helped me over the years bring 'miles of smiles' to our residents."



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

CARE LETTER

Making *everyday life* possible for individuals with profound disabilities

Marklund Event Calendar



● **27th Annual Top Hat
Marklund's Disco Ball:
*A Night at Studio M***
Feb. 4, 2023



● **6th Annual
Run, Walk & Roll
-Bloomington**
April 16, 2023



● **41th Annual
Marklund Golf Classic**
June 1, 2023

MAKE AN IMPACT - *Join the Marklund Action Network*

Politicians and regulators often make decisions that impact the lives of persons with profound disabilities and their caregivers. However, you have the ability to influence those decision makers! Let your voice be heard to those in Washington, DC, and in Springfield as part of the Marklund Action Network.

Marklund's Government Relations team will do all the legwork to keep track of the legislation that may impact Marklund.

"When the time is right, we will call upon our Action Network members to reach out to elected officials on Marklund's behalf," said Mary Kobbeman, Manager of Government Relations. "We will provide you with everything you need to know and instructions on how to connect with your legislators."



**Become an advocate, use the
QR code or visit our website at
www.marklund.org/marklundactionnetwork**



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