

# Marklund CEO Gil Fonger named to Titan 100 List

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Gil Fonger, Marklund president and CEO, has been selected as a 2024 Chicago Titan 100.

The Titan 100 is a national program that recognizes Chicago's Top 100 CEOs & C-level executives as the area's most accomplished business leaders in their industry -- in both the private and public sector -- using criteria that includes demonstrating exceptional leadership, vision, and passion. Collectively the 2024 Chicago Titan 100 and their companies employ upwards of 325,000 individuals and generate over \$42 Billion dollars in annual revenues.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to accept this recognition," Fonger said. "I extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire Marklund family whose hard work and dedication to our mission of making everyday life possible for individuals with profound disabilities made this achievement a reality."

This year's honorees will be recognized at an awards ceremony held in Chicago on Feb. 8.

"The Titan 100 are visionary leaders that inspire the Chicago business community. These preeminent leaders have built a distinguished reputation that is unrivaled and preeminent in their field. We are humbled to recognize the Titan 100 for their efforts to shape the future of the Chicago business community," said Jaime Zawmon, president of Titan CEO, who established the Titan 100 program. Those who were selected embody the true diversity of the Chicago business landscape, representing engineering, architecture and construction, food & beverage, healthcare, technology, professional services, and non-profit organizations, among others.

Fonger joined Marklund in February of 2011, after serving for more than 20 years in a number of positions in the nonprofit field including Little City Foundation in Palatine, and the YMCA of Metro Chicago. He also served as a pastor for more than 10 years and was an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard. He earned his MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern in 2006. He also holds a master's degree from Duke University and an undergraduate degree from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He and his wife, Paula, have a daughter, Jacquelyn, with special needs, a married son, Kyle, and three grandchildren.



*Gil Fonger, Marklund President & CEO  
(Photo by Sam Payton)*

Marklund is a nonprofit organization that serves children and adults with severe and profound developmental disabilities. Founded in 1954, it has residential facilities and day schools in Geneva, Bloomingdale and Elgin.

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