

Aug. 2, 2024

Board of Directors,

Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- Since my last report, Marklund has received **\$2.3M** from the State of Illinois (the same as last month). Our A/R for Residential and Community Day Services, through June is **\$6.0M** (\$1.8M more than last month) which includes over **\$1.3M** of the retro state pay raise that was recently authorized by CMS.

We are currently using **\$2.1M** (\$800K less than last month) of our \$10M line of credit. We are still waiting for the ERC funds...ugh!

- On June 26, we sent our **Proximity Waiver** to DHS for their approval in order to have the authority to create our small cluster model (LIFTS initiative) of group homes on the 3.5 acres of property that we own in Elgin. We received their OFFICIAL acknowledgement on July 1. By regulation, they have 45-days to respond to our request which would give them until mid-August. We will discuss this further at the Board Retreat.
- Construction on the **MWC expansion/renovation** continues to go very well. I hope that you enjoyed the drone footage that I sent earlier this week. It looks beautiful. They plan to have the entire project under roof by the end of THIS month.
- As of July 25, ALL of our facilities were back in **full compliance** with IDPH. Our staff has done an incredible job in cooperating with state officials since the discovery of the incident on April 9. I am very proud of them.
- I want to congratulate **Yaneth Medina** on being selected to receive the Leadership award at the *Chicago Maestros Awards* on August 27 in Chicago. This purpose of the award is to highlight the remarkable achievements and contributions of individuals within the Latino community. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.
- I have attached my completed **annual goals** for FY24 and new goals for FY25. As per our bylaws, both are reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee. Please let me or someone from the Executive Committee (**Mike Herlihy, Jerry Finis, Jim Armbruster or Frank Murnane, Jr.**) know if you have any questions.
- My annual “**listening tour**” for each facility is scheduled for September. It is a great opportunity for me to informally meet with staff in a townhall meeting format and get their feedback on how we are doing as an organization.
- It has been a long project (since last November) but I am pleased to report that EACH of our facilities, as of August 7, will have their own **Internet** connection AND back-up. Before this, all of our facilities were connected to the Internet through Geneva.
- I look forward to seeing each of you at the annual **Board Retreat** and the brief **Board Meeting** to be held at the Foglia Education Center – Geneva, next **Thursday, August 8**. You should have received your retreat packet yesterday. The retreat will start at **9 am** and conclude at 3:30 pm.

Just as a reminder, there will be no ZOOM available. We will also have our board photos taken. Please dress comfortably.

- Registration for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual **Run, Walk & Roll - Geneva 5K/1M** is **OPEN!** To register, sponsor or donate – visit <https://p2p.onecause.com/rwrg12>. Our Geneva event will take place on Sunday, October 20.
- Our “**Marklund Major League Campaign**” is currently underway to resurface and freshen up our Miracle League baseball field and dugouts in Geneva. For more information or to donate, please visit <https://www.marklund.org/marklund-major-league/>.
- We still have naming opportunities available at the **Wasmond Center** for anyone still interested in making a gift in FY25 to the Expansion/Renovation Campaign. Brochure attached!

The remaining board dates for **2024: August 8** (Board Retreat - FEC), and Wednesday, October 30. The board dates for **2025: January 23, April 3, May 22** (Finance only), **June 19, August 7** (Board Retreat – FEC), and **October 30**. All of these dates should be in your Outlook.

*Thank you* for your support and for all that you do to make our mission and vision a reality. I hope that you enjoy a wonderful **National Coast Guard Day** on Sunday!

God bless you!

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