

Whether you provide support to our residents, community clients or students onsite at our Geneva, Elgin and Bloomingdale campuses, help with office duties or work at a fundraising event, you are an integral part of the Marklund team. Through our volunteers, we enhance the care of our residents, community clients and students and help Marklund make everyday life possible for them. They provide many daily life experiences while freeing up staff to provide 24-hour specialized care.

**Volunteering at Marklund is perfect for teens needing service hours, retirees, sports clubs, teams, scouts and anyone with a huge heart.**



Making everyday life possible for individuals with profound disabilities.



**Are you looking to make a difference in someone's life, while adding a new meaning to your own?**

**Be a Marklund volunteer!**

### *Our Volunteer Department Vision Statement*

To connect the community with rewarding volunteer opportunities at Marklund and to support our staff in its mission to make Everyday Life possible for our residents and students with profound disabilities.

**For more information about volunteering at any one of our sites, please contact:**

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## Group Volunteering

Volunteer groups who have served at Marklund range from high schoolers completing service projects, and professionals offering corporate “give back” days, to church groups offering spiritual services, talented adults and kids presenting special performances and more. Whether participating in activities with our residents and students or completing various campus beautifying projects, we have a group volunteer activity for any group.

### Group volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Summer Games
- ▶ Holiday Decorating
- ▶ Classroom Activities
- ▶ Sports Games
- ▶ In-Home Activities
- ▶ Music Performances
- ▶ Pet Therapy
- ▶ Gardening
- ▶ Cleaning
- ▶ Christmas Gift Opening Day
- ▶ Worship/Spiritual Services

## Individual Volunteering

Spending a couple hours with our students, community clients and residents, bringing joy, laughter, and fun as a Volunteer can make a real difference—in their lives and yours! We have many individuals who volunteer weekly, biweekly, monthly or as needed.

### Individual volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Resident/Student Outings
- ▶ Classroom Activities
- ▶ Baseball Games
- ▶ In-Home Activities
- ▶ Christmas Gift Opening Day
- ▶ Worship/Spiritual Services
- ▶ Music Performances
- ▶ Reading to Residents
- ▶ Summer Games
- ▶ Holiday Decorating
- ▶ Laundry

## How to Apply



If you are interested in volunteering, but are not sure in what capacity, Marklund’s Volunteer Department staff can help you learn about the many options. No matter what your gift, talent or skill...no matter what your age, Marklund’s staff needs you, and those we serve need you too.

Volunteer application can be found at [www.marklund.org/volunteer](http://www.marklund.org/volunteer) or scan the QR code below.



**“It is impossible to volunteer at Marklund and not be hooked. The joy of the residents, coupled with the positivity of the staff, makes for a wonderful visit. Not only do you fill their buckets by being there, you also leave with your own bucket overflowing.**

**Marklund is simply awesome for everyone.//**

*—Chad Clarey, 2023 Volunteer of the Year*

