

## **Nov 6, 2021 MDC Circle Minutes**

621 Park Avenue, Wilmette, IL

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2021 Meeting Dates

**Dec 4 Finalize Holiday Letter**

**[Join Zoom Meeting](#)**

**Present via Zoom:** Courtney & Allister Finley, Shea & Lee Cochran, Alyssa Cochran, Barb Cochran, Flip Cochran, Cami Eichar, Elizabeth Drake

### **Gratitude Letter**

Draft letter from Barb was approved by all with a few minor edits.

Elizabeth to add some photos & send off to Jeremy, IT Guy for assembling into Mail Chimp Newsletter to be sent out before Thanksgiving. Linking Yikes! as well as MDC Circle to corresponding websites & Instagram.

- All to update MDC Mailing List before sending out Gratitude Newsletter

### **Preliminary Holiday Letter**

Flip to send a Draft to all of us before thanksgiving for review and edit comments

Finalize on Sat 12/4 meeting for printing & snail mailing by Lee (?) from Hawaii.

### **Holiday Party**

Flip will host a Christmas gift-opening Zoom Party from Matt's apartment on Dec 16th at 7pm Central

Here's the link to Matt's Amazon wish list

[matt's wish list](#)

### **Financial**

Financials thru 10/31 were sent ahead of the meeting by John. Email him any questions you have, as he was out of town for the meeting. Definitely going to need any donations from the Holiday Letter. Below is the link.

 October 31, 2021.xlsx

### **Dental**

Matt's appointment is coming up soon, Flip to contribute \$800-1,000 to the \$2100. cost

Elizabeth asking Colin to come with for support with Matt

### **YIKES! / Clearbrook Updates**

Deliveries are currently only on Tuesdays, as Colin has reduced his days with Clearbrook to 1 day per week, Tuesdays. James is with Matt on Friday's from 9-3 and perhaps he'd consider doing a delivery on Fridays. Elizabeth to check with Derek/James.

It does not appear that Clearbrook will be replacing the daytime vacancies left by Colin. E would still like to get Matt into the Godal Program with Keshet as it's an appropriate fit for self-employment

such as Matt's. Here's a couple links. Might be helpful if we know anyone on the Board of Keshet?  
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[Adult Day Program](#)

[Our Board](#)

### **JCFS Update (Residential Services for Matt)**

Elizabeth reported that JCFS has postponed looking at serving Matt with residential services for several years. (Natiaya and Vilo currently work for JCFS).

Below in gray is the letter stating no immediate option to take over servicing Matt's group-home of 1. Again, it might be helpful if we knew anyone on the Board of JCFS. Here's the link.

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LETTER FROM DANIEL, DIRECTOR OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICES RE; MATT'S APPLICATION

Hi Elizabeth,

I hope you and Matt are doing well. I want to give you an update of where we are at as I realize we haven't touched base in a while.

JCFS has committed to expanding its Residential Services over the next few years. The agency is looking at how it can increase its impact overall. The plan in place is currently to expand with more traditional CILA/group homes with multiple people living there and trying to get more people services who do not have any. Therefore there would not be any immediate option to take over Matt's CILA.

That being said, we do recognize that there are many individuals who need to live in smaller settings, such as Matt's, and we would like to one day position ourselves to be able to serve people who need that type of setting and support. We have had internal conversations about how to do this and even been in talks with a potential funder for higher needs settings. However, this is still in the beginning stages and we don't want to have it derail our current expansion plan. We will see how things progress over the next couple years and I will keep you informed of any agency updates that would be good for you to know and if we are closer to being able to potentially take over Matt's care.

Feel free to call me with any questions or updates you have.

Sincerely,

**Daniel Rempert**

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Director of Residential SupportS

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### **Staff Appreciation for Holidays**

Elizabeth volunteered to get a small gift for each staff + cash from MDC Circle as has been done every year. To confer with John on amounts, etc.

