

Going it on her own...almost

If you've ever been a parent, you know there are many challenges. Single parenthood is even more difficult and if you're a teenager, you've really got your work cut out for you.

Meet Ashley. She is facing all the above challenges and doing so very well. At age 18, Ashley is the mother of two active little boys, Damien, age four (pictured at right) and Mason, who turns one in July.

Ashley is in Marymount's Young Parents' Program (YPP) that supports youths who are bringing up young children.

"If it wasn't for Marymount," Ashley said, "my kids would be in foster care of some kind and I'd be bouncing from house to house on friends' sofas. That's something I don't want to think about."

And she doesn't have to. With the help of her support worker, Ashley has developed the skills needed to look after her boys, manage her finances, prepare nutritious meals and even go back to school.

"I'm studying English, Science, Family Studies and Clothing," said the grade nine student. "I made some clothes for the boys. I'd like to get a sewing machine for at home."

Ashley says that once a week, she receives some respite time. Her worker arranges for someone to come and look after her boys when she gets home from school until about 10 p.m. "I often go and walk around the mall," she said. Every second week she goes out with friends.



The teenager has recommended YPP to her classmates. "I tell them how YPP helped me get my own place, helped with my rent and showed me how to parent."

And if little Damien is any indication, Ashley is doing a wonderful job parenting. She treats him with doting patience and kindness, and he responds accordingly.



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Carey Corporation Provides New Bursary

Marymount’s Bursary Fund has helped many of our past clients continue their education.

Anyone who has received services from Marymount for six months or more is eligible to apply for a bursary of between \$500 and \$2000 to help with their post-secondary tuition. Each year, we award between two and four bursaries. There are no age restrictions.

Our bursary fund depends entirely on donations and we were delighted recently to receive a donation that will found a new bursary.

The W. R. Carey Corporation has provided funding for Marymount to award a \$1,000 bursary to a past client

selected by the Bursary Committee every second year. Bill Carey has had a longstanding relationship with Marymount, as our advisor on staff benefits programs.

He wanted to take things a step further, to help support young people who wished to pursue their education.

We really appreciate this investment in the future of Marymount youth.

The Centennial Gala Celebration with Martin Short (*see next page*) is a fundraiser for the Bursary Program and will keep the fund in a healthy financial position, able to provide potentially life-changing bursaries for years to come.



Dreams Really Can Come True!

In April of this year, seven Marymount youth from our Treatment Foster Care program were treated to a day at Disneyworld, courtesy of Dreams Take Flight. Retired Air Canada employees organize this event every year and Marymount youth ages 12 or under are fortunate to be invited along.

Clinical Case Manager Lisa Whitfield accompanied them and reported that the children had a tremendous time. “What a wonderful opportunity for our children to experience,” she said. “Everyone’s enthusiasm and energy made the day so worthwhile.” Thank you all at Dreams Take Flight for giving Marymount youth a day they will always remember.

Marymount Fact

This photo depicts the first swimming “pool” used by youth at Marymount.

Today there is a modern swimming pool on the school property. A lifeguard is on duty throughout the summer months and as soon as the warm weather comes, students from the school and youth living onsite and in our group homes love to enjoy swimming and splashing around in the pool.



The Celebrations Continue...



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Mark your calendars and plan to be at **Marymound's 100th Anniversary Reunion & Culture Day** - a perfect combination of a once-in-a lifetime reunion and our most popular community event.

If you've ever had a connection to Marymound - lived in a group home or unit, went to Marymound School, worked or volunteered here - we want to see you back!

We already have a great line-up of entertainment, with the Asham Stomers and Fubuki Daiko Japanese drummers, as well as Aboriginal country singing star Tracy Bone, Little Hawk (aka Troy Westwood), CBC's Wab Kinew and HOT 103's Ace Burpee co-hosting.

There will be a free BBQ lunch until 2:30 p.m. followed by a traditional feast.

Bring the kids for a pumped-up Kids' Zone with a bouncy inflatable, games, face painting, and more mascots than ever! Explore the onsite teepee, enjoy the pow wow, check out the crafts or just visit with old friends.



Tickets Going Quickly for 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration with Martin Short!

Saturday, October 15 in the Grand Ballroom of the Fort Garry Hotel

Martin Short makes his first-ever appearance in Winnipeg at this gala fundraiser in support of Marymound. Gala dinner and silent auction make this an unforgettable evening.

Corporate tables of 10 - \$2,000

Individual tickets (limited number available) - \$175



CALL 338-7971 today to book a table or to order tickets.

Marymound Caring for Kids Raffle Results

The winning tickets in the Marymound Caring for Kids Raffle were drawn at 6 p.m. on June 1 at a BBQ in the Sisters of the Good Shepherd's lovely riverside yard. Winners were:

1st Prize of \$2,000 cash: Dianne Gold, ticket #1920

2nd Prize of a \$500 WestJet Voucher from Out 'N About Travel: Lorna Wallace, ticket #7246

3rd Prize of a handcrafted quilt: April Lahn-Ladobruk, ticket #1773

4th Prize of an iPod Touch from West Kildonan Auto: Tanya Doyle, ticket #1246

We raised **\$10,632** to help pay for much-needed renovations to Camp Maryglen.

Thank you to all who participated!



Sister Lorraine draws a winner

Oh, What a Night!

Sisters Honoured in Special Evening

On Saturday, April 30, Marymount held a very special evening in honour of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd who reside onsite and the many Sisters who, for most of the last century, nurtured the young people who came to Marymount.

Many past Marymount Sisters travelled to Winnipeg for this special occasion as did past staff and representatives from Good Shepherd Canada.

During Marymount's earlier days, the Fort Garry regularly gave bread to the Sisters...

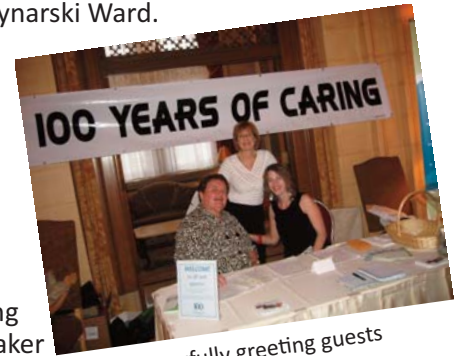
Minister Gord Mackintosh, MLA for St. Johns, brought greetings, as did City Councillor Ross Eadie, Mynarski Ward.



(L to R) Sr. Brigid Hussey, Brad Cressman, Sr. Lorraine Perreault

The Crystal Ballroom of the Fort Garry Hotel was selected because of the Sisters' long history with the establishment.

The pinnacle of the evening was the original film made expressly for the Sisters by Gemini-



Cheerfully greeting guests

Award winning filmmaker Gerry Rogers.

During Marymount's earlier days, the Fort Garry regularly gave bread to the Sisters, ensuring that the children and Sisters were never without.

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It captured the giving spirit and work ethic of the Sisters with great humour, poignance and grace.

Sr. Florence McCadden addresses the 250 in attendance.



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