

## *Marymound Then and Now...a chronology*

- 1911**      **April:** five Sisters of the Good Shepherd come from Montreal to Winnipeg at request of Judge Daly of the Juvenile Court. They settled at 373 William Avenue and began to work with women and girls.
- September:** Needing larger quarters, they moved to old Leacock Estate at 442 Scotia Street in West Kildonan.
- 1912**      Act of Incorporation reads that the object of the community is *“the moral reformation of young girls and women sentenced to imprisonment in the institution by a lawfully constituted judge or sent to the said place by parents or guardians, the preservation, instruction and industrial training of needy and unprotected children, the treatment of alcoholic or morphine patients of the female sex, and a patronage or home for working girls and women.”*
- 1916**      Temporary frame building constructed at the north end of the building to allow for more space.
- 1925**      St. Agnes Priory becomes St. Agnes School, a Residential Treatment Centre for younger girls.
- 1948**      447 Scotia purchased as halfway house for girls from St. Agnes.
- 1950**      School program recognized by Department of Education. Academic program along with Rehabilitation Program for girls sent from the court becomes known as Marymound School.
- 1951**      Purchase of a quarter section of land on Lake Winnipeg, at Belair, Manitoba for summer camp for girls at Marymound and St. Agnes - named Camp Maryglen.
- 1958**      Marymound expands to include new building west of St. Agnes.
- 1962**      447 Scotia becomes home for women who had been in St. Agnes (or the Home) and who wish to remain with the Sisters. Formerly, these women lived in a section of the institution.
- 1967**      Apartments provided within the building for older girls.

- 1969** Marymound and St. Agnes amalgamate.  
Marymound program develops open setting in St. Agnes building.
- 1970** Marymound no longer classified as training school but as Residential Treatment Centre.  
In conjunction with Seven Oaks School Division No. 10, Marymound begins pilot Day Treatment Program with a student exchange.
- 1972** “Temporary” 1916 building demolished.  
Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) begins to supplement staffing needs.  
447 Scotia again used for Marymound girls.
- 1973** **February:** Presbyterian Fellowship House provided as halfway house for Marymounders moving on to independent living.  
Increasing number of day students enter school program.  
Major renovations begin throughout Marymound complex.
- 1974** **October:** 316 St. John's Ave. opens as group home.  
**November:** 115 Machray St. opens as group home.  
The school program amalgamates under one roof in 1958 building.
- 1975** **March:** renovations complete; there are three independent living units for 35 girls.  
**April:** new corporation, Marymound Inc., formed.  
**June:** planning begins for Northern Manitoba unit.  
**July:** MCC provides personnel for Aftercare Program.  
**September:** public school re-entry program begins at Isaac Newton School.  
**October:** girls at 447 Scotia move to 349 College Ave. Group Home.  
**December:** Family Care Program begins at 447 Scotia  
Boys enter school system through Day Treatment.
- 1976** **March:** the Aftercare Program moves to Room 209 of Y.W.C.A.

- 1978**      **June:** Sir Hugh John MacDonald Hostel (boys' Residential Treatment Centre) amalgamates their school program with Marymound for trial year.
- November:** Family Care Project sponsored at Marymound.
- 1979**      Marymound Community School Coordinator integrates students who are ready to enter Public School System.
- 1980**      Marymound North begins with Resident Worker in Thompson and two support families.
- 1981**      Three support families in The Pas open their doors.
- At request of Alexander Group Home Board, Marymound assumes responsibility for boys' group home south of The Pas.
- New Marymound North Coordinator hired and located in The Pas.
- September:** Community Worker located in Thompson, assisting with training of group home staff in The Pas.
- October:** first boys arrive at group home.
- 1982**      Three additional support families join Marymound in The Pas: two in Thompson.
- October:** the 349 College Ave. Group Home moves to 361 Matheson.
- October:** Marymound North moves into 116 Hemlock Crescent, Thompson, and begins receiving children on emergency basis in December.
- 1983**      First Support Family joins Marymound in Flin Flon.
- Through Canada Employment and Core Area funding, 21 candidates start training in Residential Child Care.
- 1984**      **January:** the Family Resource Centre starts operations at 349 College Ave.
- 1985**      **June:** funded by Canada Manpower, 23 candidates began training in Youth Training Option Program.
- June:** group home for boys in The Pas closes.
- July:** a "Healing Team" of community volunteers offers ongoing spiritual development to the Marymound program.
- August:** Marymound consults with Kenora-Patricia Child and Family Services in Kenora's development of residential services to young people.

**September:** St. Vital School Division purchases a number of spaces in Day Treatment Program and provides family-community-school liaison. Benefits included planning and community integration.

**1986**

**March:** 30 candidates start training as Residential Child Care Workers, funded through Canada Manpower.

**April:** Sisters of the Good Shepherd celebrate 75 years of service in Manitoba.

**October:** Community Services approves Thompson Receiving Home from Level III to Level IV.

**December:** Male Adolescent Sexual Abuse Victims/ Offenders Program starts at Family Resource Centre, funded by Marymount.

**1987**

**February:** Independent Options Program for boys and girls begins at Family Resource Centre.

The Proctor Program begins at Family Resource Centre.

**December:** Marymount and Northwest Child and Family Services Agency enter mutual agreement for Marymount to provide four-bed assessment/treatment support home at 447 Scotia.

**1988**

Three year, four-month grant from Health and Welfare Demonstration Programs announced for Male Adolescent Sexual Abuse Victims/Offenders Program. Winnipeg Foundation continues financial assistance.

Parent Support Group begins at Marymount.

Residents' Advisory Committee of our young people established.

Marymount Residential Advisory Committee of staff formed.

**September:** through the Mennonite Central Committee, Volunteer Coordinator begins as first full-time person in the position.

**December:** Core area funds a one-year program for sexual abuse treatment of boys and girls, four to 11 years of age, at Family Resource Centre.

**December:** training program for 11 candidates in childcare work, library, secretarial and nutrition begins through Canada Employment Job Strategy.

**1989**

**February:** New Careers begins training pilot-project for child care workers already employed.

**March:** Marymount administrative offices become fully computerized.

**March:** three Marymound child care workers take part in 10-month New Careers training pilot project.

**June:** Marymound administration begins annual "think tank" workshop at Camp Maryglen, re-defining the mission statement and further formulating program objectives.

**August:** MCC Volunteer appointed full time Coordinator of Volunteers.

**August:** four residential school liaison positions established in group homes to support residential attendance at Marymound School.

**August:** Anglican Priest hired as Coordinator of Pastoral Care.

**November:** Marymound sponsored National Advisory Committee meets and hosts "Policy and Practice in Sexual Abuse Treatment" Conference attended by approximately 200 people.

**December:** Marymound Inc. held Annual Corporate meeting and for the first time, three laypeople were appointed to the Corporate Board.

**1990**

**June:** Marymound outdoor pool completely rebuilt.

**September:** three-day Sexual Abuse Treatment Conference with Dr. Ruth Mathews held for Marymound staff.

**October:** Marymound North Support Family program celebrates 10th Anniversary with Sexual Abuse Treatment Workshop by Dr. Lorraine Fox in Flin Flon.

**1991**

**January:** Marymound North Receiving Home, Thompson officially receives Level V classification due to variety of age groups served and co-ed status.

**January:** Marymound Endowment Fund established.

**March:** Service Agreement established between Department of Education & Training and Marymound School of Marymound Inc.

**May:** celebration of 80th Anniversary of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd and Marymound in Manitoba.

**September:** clinical social work positions at Marymound restructured in alignment with Treatment Groups to allow more effective and efficient delivery of service.

**September:** formal establishment of Clinical Group Treatment Programs in areas of grief and separation, substance abuse, and survivors.

**September:** discontinuance of Support Family program in Thompson, Manitoba due to lack of community support family resources.

**September:** (ending January 1992), participation in government-appointed Colleen Suche Review of Abuse Protocol in residential facilities.

Implementation of stay-awake policy for Youth Care Workers at night in the four Marymound Group Homes.

**1992**

**March:** formal establishment of weekly group treatment for all students and residents at Marymound.

**March:** completion of National Health and Welfare Sponsored "Male Adolescent Victim - Offender Abuse Treatment Program".

**May:** publication of textbook on Marymound Sexual Abuse Program, focusing on treatment of the male adolescent victim/offender.

**September:** payment of first stage of \$28,600 Winnipeg Foundation Grant for child-parent liaison worker to complement Marymound Sexual Abuse Treatment Program's play therapy programming.

**September:** Dr. Jack Perlov, clinical psychiatrist from Department of Health assumes one day per month consulting service to Marymound.

**1993**

**January:** Support Family Program in Marymound North closes.

**March:** storage addition next to Marymound gymnasium nears completion.

Resulting from collective review, assessment and recommendations from Marymound Advisory and Corporate Boards, major Marymound physical, electrical, mechanical and fire safety upgrade begins. The new service tunnel and electrical distribution is completed, sprinkler system upgraded.

**September:** 150th Anniversary of Sisters of the Good Shepherd coming to North America from France, specifically to Louisville, Kentucky.

**November:** Group Home Treatment Program transfers from 316 St. John's Ave. to 490 Shaftesbury Blvd.

**1994**

Program Quality Assurance Review conducted on all four Marymound Level III Group Homes by Provincial Child & Family Support Branch.

**May:** Health Canada, under Brighter Futures Community Action Program for Children Initiative provides three years' funding (\$330,000) for Roots & Wings; an aftercare mentoring service primarily for young women at risk and young mothers and their children.

**September:** Competency-based training to Residential Supervisors begins, supported by Department of Child & Family Services.

**September:** funding for the Canadian Job Strategies of Canada Employment and Immigration ceases, transferred to First Nations agencies and managed by three boards.

**December:** Marymount appoints Coordinator of Residential Services, discontinuing Assistant to Coordinator of Treatment position.

## 1995

**March:** mechanical/electrical/fire upgrade completed at 442 Scotia Street with assistance of several foundations and funding sources.

New heating system installed at 442 Scotia Street facility with support from Winnipeg Foundation.

**January:** Employee Advisory Committee representing all parts of Marymount organization constituted.

**May:** 318 Anderson Avenue obtained to house Marymount Aftercare Program, Roots & Wings.

**July:** Conversion of top floor, Level IV Treatment Unit at 442 Scotia to a Children's Unit serving children aged 9 to 12. 490 Shaftesbury proceeded to focus on 15 to 18-year-old residents with emphasis on independence skills.

**September:** Marymount School develops Middle Years school program in response to educational needs of younger residents in placement.

**September:** Marymount School Computer Room for Marymount students opens, funded by Thomas Sill Foundation

**December:** 10-month Métis Youth Care Worker Training Program at Marymount approved and funded by Winnipeg Métis Management Board.

## 1996

**January through March:** reassessment and redefinition of organizational paradigm through which social work services offered within Residential Treatment Program.

**February:** first Marymount Newsletter developed and delivered to Manitoba public.

**April:** Manitoba Department of Education & Training grants two- year funding approval for Marymount School with continued funding conditional upon completion of satisfactory evaluation of School Program.

**August:** computerized effective outcome project begins funded by

major grant from Winnipeg Foundation and assistance from Child Welfare & Family Support Branch (Marymount North included)

**September:** Marymount institutes Marymount intra-system computer committee to vision, plan and actualize computer purpose and allocation within Marymount.

**September:** Full-time psychologist and half-time group specialist join clinical treatment team.

**December:** Youth Care Worker Training Program for 10 students approved and funded by Métis Employability and Training Initiative Strategy.

**December:** Marymount formally becomes a member agency of United Way of Winnipeg with funding directed to the community-based Marymount Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Program for children aged 4 - 11 years.

**1997**

**February:** Health Canada denied continuance of grant for mentor-based Roots & Wings Program at 318 Anderson in Winnipeg, but continued Marymount North Brighter Futures Program in Thompson, Manitoba.

**March:** Marymount completes construction of two treatment- oriented quiet rooms. Funding support provided by Manitoba Community Places Program and anonymous donors.

**March:** Machray Ave. Level III eight-bed group home facility becomes Machray Level IV facility for six residents.

**March:** Marymount and Department of Family Services makes decision to participate in recently created Youth Emergency Crisis Stabilization System. This would result in establishment of a Crisis Stabilization Unit for six female children at 442 Scotia Street.

**May/June:** 361 Matheson Avenue Group Home for adolescent girls becomes temporary home to 442 Scotia Street-based Children's Program for 8 -12-year-old female children.

**June:** Purchase of four-acre site to be suitably developed as group home at 2957 McPhillips Street. Zoning processes begin.

**July:** Treatment Unit 224 moves from 442 Scotia Street's second floor to top floor to make easily accessible room for Crisis Stabilization Unit.

**August:** first admission into newly created Crisis Stabilization Unit for six female children.



**September:** formal zoning approved by Winnipeg City Council for development of six- bed children's treatment program at 2957 McPhillips Street.

**October:** first public Annual Meeting of Marymound Corporate Board held in student dining room with guest speaker Ulysses Desrochers, Executive Director, Macdonald Youth Services.

**October:** (at Annual Meeting) - ribbon cutting formally opens Gert Bell Group Specialty Room, a group treatment resource. Mr. Ed Bell (Gert Bell's husband) provided funding on behalf of the couple's 50th wedding anniversary in recognition of Gert's many years of outstanding service on the Marymound Advisory Board.

**December:** Marymound North Receiving Home for Children formally celebrates 15th anniversary of service to Manitoba North.

**1998**

**January – March:** 318 Anderson Ave. temporarily rented to Macdonald Youth Services as a four-bed Treatment Foster Care Program while they are undergoing construction.

**August:** Marymound School awarded management of the education segment of the Mobile Crisis Team as part of the total Provincial Government Youth Emergency Crisis Stabilization System.

**September:** Matheson Group Home rented out for private foster care program, consisting of four boys.

**September:** Marymound's Annual Open House held for the first time on a fall Saturday. The Rotary Club of Winnipeg was in charge of the garage sale portion. Proceeds from garage sale funded new play structure in Marymound's yard.

**September:** official ribbon-cutting ceremony for McPhillips Group Home for girls ages 8-12.

**October:** Marymound held public Annual Meeting in Sisters' Board Dining Room. Keynote speaker was new Marymound Executive Director, Gloria Ganske.

**1999**

**January:** 318 Anderson (formally Roots & Wings Program) rented out to Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata for their programs and services.

**2006**

Marymound awarded new Youth Addictions Stabilization Unit.

**2008**

Sisters of the Good Shepherd hand over sponsorship of Marymound to the Catholic Health Corporation of Manitoba.

**2011** Marymound celebrates its 100 year anniversary and receives many commemorative plaques from the City, Province and the Premier of Canada. A spectacular Gala event was held at the Fort Gary Place Ballroom that featured Martin Short and was a huge success and sold out.

**2014** On a sunny summer day in late June, hundreds of well-wishers came to say goodbye to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. The riverside grounds out front of their home was the setting for an afternoon party that featured many delegates, former youth, colleagues, friends and Marymound staff. Sisters, Florence, Lorraine, Brigid and Barbara were presented with a large staff photo and other tokens of appreciation for their years of service at Marymound.

**2015** **Early in the year**, Marymound embarks on its first capital campaign to raise \$6.5 million to repurpose the old Leacock mansion (former home to the Sisters) into a transitional home for integrating youth back into the community. Working with an external supplier, a fundraising strategy is developed for the campaign as is an annual giving plan. **December 15**, Marymound launches its campaign at the Chamber of Commerce State of the Province address before an audience of 1000 people.

Marymound reaches out to development relationships with many Indigenous organizations to better expand capacity of offering cultural services to its youth. A Stakeholder group consisting of the Indigenous community is developed.

**In September**, Marymound opened Phase I of its Mental Health and Complex Needs Centre to fill a void in care for youth in the community. Phase I is the Mental Health & Complex Needs Assessment and Stabilization program located in 442 Scotia Street.



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