

Marymound Social Enterprise Program wins Spirit of Winnipeg Award



Marymound was a very proud recipient of the 2019 Spirit of Winnipeg Awards in the category of non-profit/social enterprise. The organization was excited just to be in good company as one of the final three, let alone win the award during the recent Gala evening at the Club Regent Event Centre. The acknowledgement is validation for all the hard work the staff has done to grow the social enterprise program over the last few years.

The 'Good for Youth' Social Enterprise is comprised of *Marymound Caters!* led by the organization's Red Seal Chef who guides the team that supports and nurtures youth while teaching them skills that help reduce barriers from future employment. Another program is the Marymound Student Work Experience Education Program (SWEEP) that works in concert with the catering program to offer youth further skill learning

opportunities by working the *Grillin'4 Good* hot dog cart, as well as through *Marymound Works!*, a year-round yard services initiative.

Marymound is constantly humbled and inspired by the resiliency and perseverance of our youth to overcome challenges they face daily, advance their skills in the workplace to prepare for future employment, and gain a sense of belonging as they reintegrate back into the community.

If you wish to support Marymound youth and enjoy great services:
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Marymound Capital Campaign back on track - building to commence soon

A renewed effort led by Global Philanthropic has garnered major gifts momentum for the renovation of the heritage home (The E.P. Leacock Estate built in 1882) on the Marymound 442 Scotia Street main campus. We recently received a \$500,000 anonymous donation as well as other significant donations totaling \$1.5 million in the last two months that will enable us to move forward with renovations starting this spring.

The home will be repurposed as a transition home for young women who have experienced multiple traumas and suffer from co-occurring diagnosis. The Winnipeg community has stepped up in a big way as well as donors who live beyond Manitoba that understand the need for this program and supports for young women.

Marymound is eternally grateful to all our donors past and present, for we could not do this without their support. A special acknowledgment goes to Global Philanthropic for their vigilance, commitment and understanding that has helped Marymound turn the corner and see the finish line for reaching our capital campaign goal.



Caitlin's inspiring story of triumph against all odds.

If Caitlin were to be described in one word, it would be resilient. Caitlin is one of the fortunate youth to overcome numerous challenges she endured early in life to become a compassionate, optimistic and independent spirit. Now almost 21, she is a young woman with a bright future awaiting her. She has been in the Marymount Independent Options Program (IOP) since she was 18 and considers Marymount to be her family.



A dark cloud loomed over Caitlin at birth. At 10-months-old she became an official ward and was placed into foster care. Too young to realize, she assumed her foster parents were her birth parents, so when Caitlin was removed from their care at age six due to family addiction problems, it had a profound effect. "When they [Child and Family Services] took me away from my [foster] parents, it traumatized me for a very long time," says Caitlin.

A ray of hope shined on Caitlin as she was soon placed into another foster home in the north end of Winnipeg. "I was taken away, but put into the best possible situation with Lisa and Chris who I consider my parents today," says Caitlin.

An added bonus of being parented by Lisa and Chris was that Caitlin was reunited with her older biological sister who suffers from severe autism and has the mental capacity of a seven-year-old. "Lisa and Chris were great, as I was a confused six-year-old and they quickly understood my fears and made me feel right at home." Caitlin was thrilled to be with her sister who she never got to live with previously, and gave of herself endlessly. "My sister had it far worse than me in the system. She is my world. Anything she needs, I will do for her." Caitlin did this while addressing her own mental health issues.

"For the next six years, it was the best time as not too much happened," says Caitlin. She went to elementary school every day with her sister and parents (who were teachers). As a child with ADHD, Caitlin encountered challenges at school so her foster Dad exposed Caitlin to a variety of sports at which she excelled, as well as many other music and dance classes to help exhaust her excess energy. It wasn't until after many trying times that her parents realized she also suffered from extreme anxiety at age 11.

When Caitlin turned 13, the darkness returned as her foster parents divorced and she had to leave the family, including her sister. This incredible trauma caused Caitlin to become suicidal when she was 15. As a result, she had a two-week stay in Marymount's Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and managed to recover quickly. She then had brief stints in various group homes, a hotel, and finally a mentored living home for a year and half. "This is where you go before entering the Independent Living Options Program," Caitlin explains.

After a year and a half of hard work and dedication, Caitlin built up the requirements to enter Marymount's Independent Options Program and got her very own first apartment where she has thrived ever since. Caitlin is independent, manages her home, personal life and financial budget without the need for support.

She also entered the Marymount Student Work Experience Education Program (SWEEP) and excelled working the hotdog cart. "Just because you are born in a bad situation, doesn't mean you have to be that way. I know I am able to succeed and do it on my own. I know I have supports. Marymount made me realize my potential and the times when I wanted to give up, if it wasn't for everyone, I would have so I am very thankful. They made me realize it's OK to feel weak and reach out for help."

Marymount is like family to Caitlin. She has gone to hockey games with staff, met two of her best friends in the IOP program, and works tirelessly in the Marymount kitchen. "I had a recent anxiety attack at a Marymount function and six different staff came to my aid to comfort me. My IOP support worker Michele was my rock and the best thing that could have ever happened to me. The staff at Marymount understand me. That's family."

The clouds have parted and the sun is shining on Caitlin's future. She wants to be a baker. Having recently graduated high school as a mature student, she is going back to school to complete her grade 10 science, as it is compulsory to get into baking school. She is still in touch with her foster parents and is thinking of her future for the first time. "Now I see myself having a job, growing up with my friends, having a house and being successful. I can see myself. I have a future, and it's great."

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A strong connection with Rogers

Rogers and the Ted Rogers Fund have become very connected to Marymound and are now ardent supporters of the organization over the last two years. Their continued generosity to support our kids through Marymound's education and bursary programs as well as supporting our annual golf tournament is greatly appreciated!

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