

Marymound

MESSENGER

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Marymound to become leader in Trauma Informed Care

Marymound has been offered the very unique opportunity to be the first organization to pilot a trauma-informed organizational model called P.R.E.S.E.N.C.E* created by world-renowned trauma expert Dr. Sandra Bloom and her partner Sarah Yanosy. According to Dr. Bloom, organizations that implement trauma-informed care approaches see “tangible improvement in morale, decreases in staff burnout, worker’s compensation applications, and vicarious trauma, as well as violence and the need for seclusions and restraints.”

Trauma-informed care is an approach that asks: “What happened to you?” as opposed to “What’s wrong with you?” It’s an organizational approach that ensures clients receive the care they need based on the impacts of their previous experiences. It helps people to understand what’s behind behaviours and conclude that clients aren’t acting out because they are ‘bad’, but rather, they are responding to a memory or past experience. This holistic care approach focuses on the importance of relationship to prevent the client from experiencing further trauma as well as helping recovery from their adverse experiences, likely from childhood.

Thanks to generous grants from the Catholic Health Corporation of Manitoba and an anonymous donor, within 18-months Marymound will undergo an organization-wide transformation and become a forerunner of trauma responsive and resilient service delivery. Through a series of classroom and practical training opportunities, Marymound will be given a tangible set of tools to apply to clients and staff as service providers.



Dr. Sandra Bloom



“We are grateful and excited that Dr. Bloom has agreed to pilot her new trauma-informed model with Marymound,” says Nancy Parker, CEO of Marymound. “In working with some of the most traumatized children in Manitoba, it is our commitment to provide the very best in client-centered trauma-informed care that meets our clients’ needs in a safe, collaborative, and compassionate manner. Training and discussion throughout the organization from the Board of Directors to all staff also supports the organization itself to heal and become stronger.”

All children and youth at Marymound have experienced profound trauma in their lives. The issues that our staff address on a daily basis are complex, challenging, and in many cases, overwhelming. Marymound prides itself by providing trauma-informed training to staff with the goal of helping children, youth, and families work towards recovery, healing, and hope. Piloting Dr. Bloom’s trauma-informed model will only add to the current skills and expertise that Marymound offers its clients and staff.

**P.R.E.S.E.N.C.E is an acronym for linking guiding values that consistently undergird and inform practice: Partnership and Power, Reverence and Restoration, Emotional Wisdom and Empathy, Safety and Social Responsibility, Embodiment and Enactment, Nature and Nurture, Culture and Complexity, Emergence and Evolution. Each set of values is associated with a knowledge base and a set of universally applied tools that are designed in sequence to provide 1) Brain regulation skills; 2) Communication tools; 3) Group engagement tools; 4) Complexity management skills.*

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Marymound honours Indigenous Day

June 5th was a perfect day for Marymound's annual Indigenous Day celebration. The always popular event had a bigger turnout than usual with families, corporate volunteers as well as past and present youth who were all smiles, all day.

The event has a formula but is never taken for granted as the Marymound team ensures a seamless and efficient event every year. Kudos to all staff volunteers whose contributions are integral to the success of this highly anticipated annual celebration. Special thanks to our major sponsor, CIBC and their many volunteers who helped run some of our activities.



Marymound 3rd Annual Golf Tournament best to date

Marymound has established a very popular golf tournament that has engaged increased support through its well paced, efficient event much to the delight of all golfers.

The Marymound 100 Exclusive Golf Tournament has taken place at Rossmere Country Club all three years, and their staff service, preparations, and setup, help make the day go relatively stress free. The rest is up to the Marymound and corporate volunteers whose invaluable contributions add to the seamless and fun filled day.

The post event dinner included a savoury meal and auction prizes a plenty. Joe Aiello has been our only emcee and fills the room with great energy, laughter and entertainment as the evening concludes by 7:00pm. Everyone enjoys a great time and still has the rest of their evening to relax and unwind.

The 4th annual tournament is scheduled for May 28, 2020 with many returning sponsors, and hopefully some new supporters as we start up the seach again this fall.

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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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