



Marillac Place 2019 Impact Report

MISSION STATEMENT

Marillac Place offers housing, parenting support, and basic life skills training to young women aged 16 and up who are pregnant, have child (ren) in their care, or are attempting to regain care of their child (ren). We provide chances for brighter futures to mother-led families, helping them break the cycle of homelessness and poverty.



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Dear Friends and Supporters of Marillac Place,

In my third year as President of your Board, I am delighted to introduce the 2019 Impact Report. Marillac Place has been serving at-risk young mothers and children in our community since 1992. In 2019, through support from our generous donors and funders, we raised \$515,000 to allow us to fulfill our mission. Last year, we provided shelter and support for 35 women and 24 children including 10 newborns. Over the last 27 years, we have supported and empowered over 1,300 women and children in Waterloo Region.



We are indebted to the Region of Waterloo for providing funds for staffing support throughout the past 14 years. A very special thanks also goes to the Lyle S. Hallman Foundation who provided a multi-year grant allowing us to examine our current programming and re-imagine the way we offer supports to our young women in the future. We also received three valuable program grants from the Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation in 2019. It would be remiss if I did not mention all the churches and service clubs that support us year-over-year through their congregations and members. Finally, we are grateful for our over 1,100 dedicated individual and corporate donors who continue to help keep our doors open each year.

We have benefitted from the year-round support of over 50 devoted and talented volunteers. In the house alone, volunteers gave over 800 hours in 2019. I would like to acknowledge my fellow volunteer board members for all the governance and guidance they provided in 2019 to safeguard the future of Marillac Place. There are too many volunteers to mention in this brief report, but know that we are grateful to every one of you.

Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated staff for their tireless work to guide and support the young women and children we served throughout 2019.

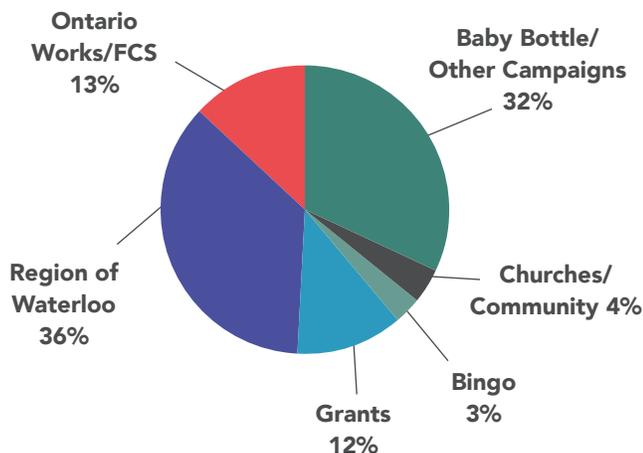
Although we are all physically apart this year, I am reminded every day that it takes a village to raise a child. We are blessed by a strong community of donors, funders, partners, volunteers, and staff who are all critical pieces in the lives of each mother and child who is provided for at Marillac Place.

With gratitude,

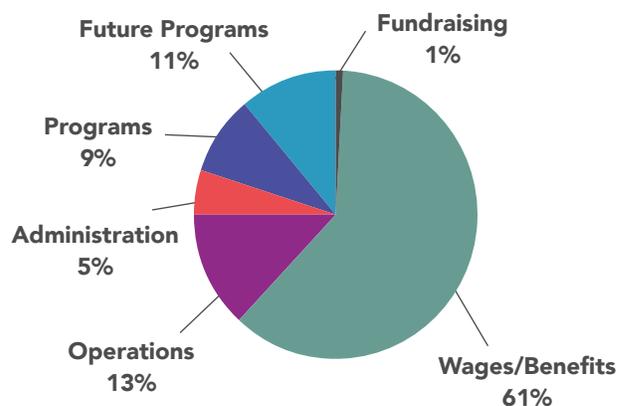
Michael Malleck, President of the Board

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Where our funds come from: \$515,245



Where we spend our funds: \$515,245



2019 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The most important service that we provide at Marillac Place is food and housing to those most vulnerable in our community. In 2019, we housed 35 women and their 24 children. We saw 10 new babies come into the world! On average these women and their children stayed with us for 85 days. All these families had food and a place to live because of the generous support from over 1,100 donors and funders.

While our primary focus is to provide housing, our community has also supported several other programs to provide additional assistance to the families that stay with us. Among these are the following:

Arrival and Departure Bins

Many of the mothers living at Marillac Place have experienced homelessness and do not have the means to set up their own homes. The Zonta Club and the Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation supported the distribution of departure bins for residents that moved out. These bins contain necessities for starting a new home and help the women feel supported as they transition out of Marillac Place.

Weekly Goal Sessions

Many of our residents have faced life challenges that impact their ability to function independently in society. Fortunately, we have received funding from the Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation to organize weekly goal sessions which help women become more self-sustaining. Together with staff, the women set up individual goals related to housing plans, parenting, and accessing programs in the community. In 2019, we held a total of 275 goal sessions during which 212 individual goals were set. All residents rated the sessions to be helpful and 82% of total goals were achieved.

Marillac Place Boutique

As part of a trauma-informed approach to care, we attempt to encourage growth and goal achievement through positive re-enforcement. We have implemented a program at Marillac Place that allows the women to earn tokens when they accomplish goals. These tokens can be used at our boutique which is stocked with donated goods from our community. Our residents acquire everything from diapers, to shampoo, to clothes for their children.

New Program Development

In 2019, Marillac Place continued to receive generous funding from the Lyle Hallman Foundation to support the testing and development of new evidence-based programming. This funding was used to hire a new Program Developer. She performed a thorough review of our programming in 2019 to identify areas of strength and growth for the future. In 2020, we will be starting to roll out some of these programs. We have also begun working with other Hallman-funded charities in the region to improve our collaborative programming.



Arrival and Departure Bins



LYLE S. HALLMAN
FOUNDATION



Marillac Place Boutique

2019 STATISTICS

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residents served:
35 women,
24 children

96%

children who
remained in
mom's care

85

days -
average stay

89

service
inquiries

828

residential
volunteer hours

1,127

donors

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2019

Marillac Place thanks all of our generous supporters including:

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Over 1,100 individual donors

Local service clubs

Foundations

Churches and their congregations

Corporations and their employees

Community partners

In-kind donors/businesses giving their
time, talents, or much-needed items

Marillac Place is funded
in part by the



Region of Waterloo

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PLACE

It takes a village to raise
a child. We could not do it
with without you!

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TESTIMONIALS FROM A FEW MOMS

When I first came to Marillac Place I was scared and very nervous about what my stay would be like. In my first few days not only did the staff help, but the other residents made me feel at home. Marillac changed my life for the better. I regained my self-worth and confidence back and learned about many resources. I thank the staff for helping me out when I really needed support. I am now completely ready to become a mom again. I came here with no one but am leaving with many great friends and a lot of women I look up to. Thank you again for everything,

I was four months pregnant and had a drug addiction for eight years and wanted, more than anything a chance to get and stay clean to keep my baby. I would ask women...what else do you have to lose before you accept help? Your children? I stayed 11 months at Marillac Place and was able to stay focused and make better decisions with the support of the incredible staff and programs. I was even able to regain custody of my 8-year-old son. We now live together in a 1-bedroom apartment of our own.

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