

ONE MOTHER'S STORY

Winter 2021

I began searching the internet for housing and support options and that was when I found Marillac Place. When I arrived, I was very nervous and scared, but the staff helped me with the settling-in process. I tend to talk when I'm nervous, so I was able to make friends pretty quickly. The staff at Marillac Place were awesome and some of the best people that have come into my life. The women at Marillac Place were going through the same things as me in some ways. It was helpful being able to talk to people who knew what you were going through.

While at Marillac Place, I attended every program and utilized every resource available to me. I eventually gave birth to a healthy baby girl. For the women thinking about or currently at Marillac Place, I would suggest receiving the support and making the best of it as they are there to help you. Why make it worse when you can make it better? You need to swallow that pride and do what is best for you and your baby! All you need to do is ask.

I found housing and left Marillac Place the following February. I now live independently with my daughter who is 2 years old. I have graduated with a college diploma and work full time. I am simply enjoying life!



WHY JOIN FRIENDS OF MARILLAC PLACE?

Friends of Marillac Place choose gift levels that suit their personal budgets. Pledges are applied to your credit card each month, and you will receive a single tax receipt at the end of the year.

Benefits of joining Friends of Marillac Place include:

- **An invitation to exclusive Friends of Marillac Place events.**
- **Electronic or paper newsletters based on your preference.**
- **The knowledge that you are helping to make a difference in the lives of mothers and children in need and creating stable supports which they can rely on.**
- **Our unwavering gratitude and appreciation.**

To donate monthly, visit our website and click on the 'Donate Now' tab or fill in the enclosed pledge card.

Want to join Friends of Marillac Place by phone? Call us at 519-571-0722 x 202

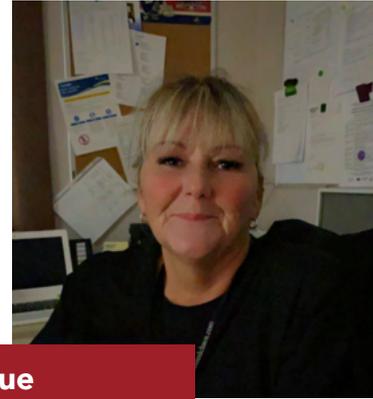


MEET SUE AND SARAH, NIGHT SUPPORT WORKERS

Our duties as Night Support Workers primarily are to ensure the well-being of the women and their babies throughout the night; whether that is providing individual support, or by making sure the residence security is maintained.

We promote safe sleep practices for moms and babies by providing support, educational information, and conducting bedroom checks throughout the night. We ensure the residence meets public health and safety expectations by completing nightly and monthly checklists. A large part of this position is ensuring the highest level of cleanliness and sanitation standards are being met at the agency.

Working at Marillac Place requires a team of passionate people who excel in their roles. We are providing a caring and supportive atmosphere and want to create an environment for the women who come here to succeed and feel empowered.



Sue



Sarah

WILL POWER COMES TO MARILLAC PLACE

We are delighted to share the news that we have partnered with Will Power, a national movement to educate Canadians on the power of making a difference through their Wills.

Many donors believe that they cannot support both their loved ones and a favourite charity with their Will. The truth is, leaving just a small percentage of your estate to charity can have a significant impact, while leaving most of your estate to your loved ones. A gift in your Will to Marillac Place can also reduce the estate taxes to be paid. A win-win!

We encourage you to use the online legacy calculator to see how a planned gift can make an impact. Visit www.willpower.ca and search for Marillac Place.



In the coming months, we will be sharing more information about how easy and impactful it can be to make a gift in your Will. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Tammy Northam, Executive Director at tnortham@marillacplace.ca or 519-571-0722.

THANK YOU TO THIS YEAR'S SUPPORTERS

Thank you to all of the generous donors of Marillac Place.
Your gift is transforming lives!

THANK YOU, LIBRO CREDIT UNION



Kim Bulloch and Tracy Legge (Libro Credit Union) presenting a donation to Tammy Northam, Executive Director, in support of essentials when moms and babies move out.

THANK YOU, BARTER PAY FOUNDATION AND HUSSEY PHILANTHROPIC CONSULTING



Marillac Place has recently developed a new three-year strategic plan. We were fortunate to receive a donation from the Barter Pay Foundation which meant that our fees were discounted 75% from Hussey Philanthropic Consulting. You can find the new plan on the Marillac Place website under 'About Us.'



Beatrice Trang (Barter Pay), Tammy Northam and Daniel Hussey (Hussey Philanthropic Consulting)

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT - SPEAKER'S CORNER

Speaker's Corner is one of our most important programs for connecting the women and children who stay with us with the resources in our community. Each week, a speaker visits Marillac Place to talk about programs and services available in Waterloo Region. A wide variety of programs take part at Marillac Place: everything from the library, to parenting programs, to counselling services. The aim of these sessions is to provide women with the connections they need to succeed after they leave Marillac Place.

After every speaker, we get feedback from our participants about the value of the session they attended. Eighty-five percent of the programs in Speaker's Corner are rated by participants as relevant, easy to understand, and engaging. For 60% of our presenters, it is the first time our participants have heard of the agency. The vast majority report that they would feel comfortable contacting the agency for help in the future.

Speaker's Corner is also an opportunity to learn skills through multi-week programs such as Renter's Toolkit or Pre-natal Health. Pre- and post-tests in these programs found that participants increased their rental knowledge and awareness of prenatal health concepts significantly.

The increased skills and connections gained from Speaker's Corner are critical for the success of mothers and their children after they leave Marillac Place. Special thanks to the Community Fund and the Weiland Family Foundation Fund held at Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation for supporting this important program in 2020 and 2021.



- Community Fund
- Weiland Family Foundation Fund

NEW - AMAZON WISH LIST

We have recently created an Amazon wish list that we will keep up-to-date throughout the year. This is a wonderful way to support our mission and the immediate needs of the moms and babies in a few simple steps.

1. Visit marillacplace.ca and click 'Donate Items/ Gifts-in-Kind' on the dropdown menu
2. Click the link to the Amazon Wish List
3. Add the items to your cart
4. Click our registry address when you check out so the item can be sent directly to our doorstep



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