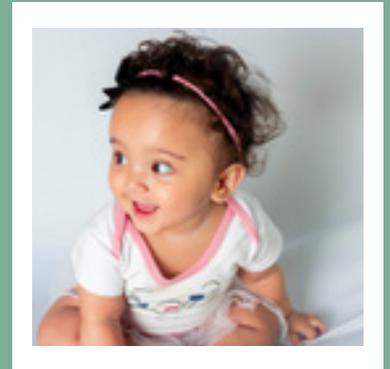


I learned about Marillac Place from a housing worker in a shelter in Toronto. I was pregnant and did not want to be homeless with my baby. I arrived at Marillac Place in June 2021, and I was so nervous and shy. I delivered a healthy, beautiful baby girl at the end of July and worked with the staff at Marillac Place to reach my goals. I was able to keep my baby with me, attend programs, complete a housing plan and secure housing for the end of the month. I was able to build friendships and bond over similar experiences with the other women. The staff loved helping with my daughter and answering any questions I had. The staff provided me with resources and referrals that I didn't know of before. I am grateful for Marillac Place, but would encourage others to have a plan and housing before bringing a baby into this world. I am excited to see what the future brings for us!



CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE TO MARILLAC PLACE

There are many ways to support Marillac Place. You will receive a charitable tax receipt for all cash donations you make. You can then claim this on your personal tax return where you will receive a 15% tax credit on the first \$200 you give each year, and approximately 40% on all amounts over \$200. These tax credits reduce taxes otherwise payable for the year and can be carried forward for up to five years.

You may also donate publicly-traded shares where you will receive a tax receipt equal to the fair market value of the shares on the day we receive them. Donated shares will not result in personal tax on any unrealized capital gains, but do qualify for the same tax credit described in the paragraph above. We suggest speaking with your financial advisor to learn more.

You may also choose to make a bequest in your will toward Marillac Place in the form of cash or publicly-traded shares. Your executor is required to honour all bequests in your will and a tax credit will be reported on your tax return. A bequest is a wonderful way to create a legacy that will support others.

If you decide to leave a legacy gift it is always helpful if you let us know in advance. Contact Tammy Northam, Executive Director, CFRE with any additional questions or information at tnortham@marillacplace.ca.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - BOARD MEMBER, SAMANTHA FEENER

I joined the board of Marillac Place six years ago and recently became the board's Vice-President. I wanted to join the board after being a former staff member because I saw first-hand the direct impact Marillac Place has on families. Not only does Marillac Place offer a supportive living environment and invaluable resources, they also teach essential life and parenting skills to equip participants with tools that will benefit both them and their child.

As a newly expecting first-time mother, I now have a deeper understanding of how joyous and scary this time period can be, even with a great support system. I volunteer with Marillac Place because I'm proud to be a part of a system supporting vulnerable families in our community.



Samantha

STAFF HIGHLIGHT - CASE MANAGER, REBECCA

My name is Rebecca and I have worked with the families at Marillac Place since August 2008. I was initially a casual staff before moving into the Program Manager role. Prior to Marillac Place, I worked as a social service worker in our community.

Recently, I transitioned into the Case Manager role where my main goal is to empower the women we are serving, while providing goal setting, housing planning, and parenting support.

Personally, I enjoy the hands-on work with the women and babies from snuggling and playing with the babies, to watching the women achieve their individual goals.

In my free time, I enjoy being with my family and relaxing. I am looking forward to growing in my new role and continuing to support our participants in their journey through motherhood.



Rebecca

YOUR VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE AT WORK



We rely on the generosity of community members including individuals, corporations, and foundations, to raise about two-thirds of our operating budget. This means that two out of every three women and children that we help, is able to access our services because of your support.

Did you attend our virtual Mother's Day event last year? Maybe you ordered a Mother's Day e-card or watched our amazing new videos on our YouTube channel? Perhaps you've considered directing a gift to Marillac Place in your will?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you've witnessed the incredible work that our Fundraising Committee has produced. This group of volunteers formed during the pandemic to plan creative fundraising activities to help address the shortfall caused by COVID-19 cancellations.

Comprised of community members with varied backgrounds, the committee meets each month

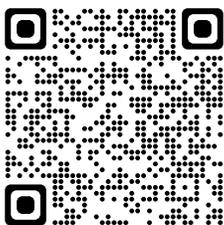
to support our small staff team. Barsha used her artistic skills to create the Mother's Day card above and produce several inspirational videos. Adam is helping set up our new database so that we can share important updates, including tax receipts, with you via email. Vinuli is new to the team and is eager to roll up her sleeves and support the upcoming Baby Bottle Campaign, and Carrie is the volunteer Chair of the committee. As a fundraising specialist herself she provides helpful oversight.

Together, this small group of volunteers works hard to give you fun and creative ways to support Marillac Place in our vision of ensuring a successful future for mothers and children at risk for homelessness.

If you would like to learn more about the Fundraising Committee, contact beverly@marillacplace.ca.



Fundraising Committee meeting, March 2022.
From the left, top row: Vinuli, Beverly, Carrie; middle row: Tammy, Mary Anne, Barsha; third row: Adam.



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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT - PRAISE WITH A RAISE

One critical aspect of the support we provide women during their stay is help accomplishing their goals. These goals can be critical to finding housing, establishing connections in the community, and developing skills, but they can also be overwhelming and daunting. In 2012, one of our participants suggested to us we try an incentive program they had experienced at the Cambridge Pregnancy Resource Centre. The program, which we call 'Praise with a Raise', has been operating successfully ever since.

'Praise with a Raise' is a rewards-based program. Every time a participant accomplishes one of her goals, she is paid "Marillac Bucks" which she can save to buy something from our onsite boutique. The boutique contains essentials such as clothes, diapers, toiletries and items for a new home, and some fun things such as toys. These all come from generous donations from our community.

'Praise with a Raise' has been so successful that it has become central to how we function at Marillac Place. It focuses on positives, building self-esteem, and sending the message "You can do this". It provides a valuable way to keep track of what each individual is struggling with so

that we can step in and offer additional support. It is also a great way to track what goals pose the biggest obstacle for our participants so that we can adapt our programming to meet those challenges. However, the best evidence of its success is that it is well-loved by those we serve – they rate it as the best program we offer at Marillac Place!



Happy Mother's Day!

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