

# THE PELLETIER HOPE CENTRE TRANSITION HOME

FOR MENTAL  
HEALTH &  
COMPLEX  
NEEDS AT  
MARYMOUND

*A house from the past.  
A hope for the future.*

Help shape a promising future  
for some of Manitoba's most  
vulnerable young women

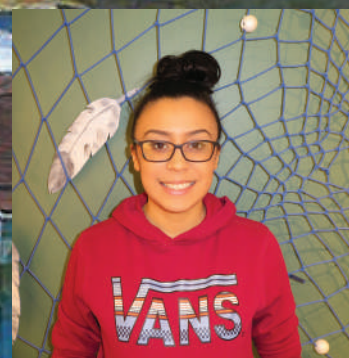
A Case for Support  
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# The campaign in brief

- Marymount has embarked upon a \$5 million campaign to restore and renovate “Leacock House”, a Heritage Building located on the Marymount campus in West Kildonan.
- The house, built from 1878 to 1882, will be renamed the Pelletier Hope Centre Transition Home.
- The Pelletier Hope Centre Transition Home will provide new, innovative programs and services for teenage girls with mental health challenges and complex needs.
- Architecturally, the 7,500-square-foot house is an important example of Queen Anne Revival style. The renovation will preserve and honour the original design and respect its historical significance.
- The girls served by the Pelletier Hope Centre Transition Home will stay in the house for up to 18 months as they learn life skills, participate in inspiring and transformative programs, and prepare to integrate into community life.
- The campaign has already raised \$1.6 million from individuals, corporations, and institutions eager to create the conditions for young women to overcome adversity and find their place in life with passion, support, caring, and dignity.



“From the age of eight, Marymount always had my back. It’s where I learned about my Cree roots and where I found healing. As a Mentor, I get to share the beauty of my heritage with the kids at Marymount today. As a Mom, I’m proud to raise my kids to celebrate their culture and rituals. Marymount changed my life. I love this place.”

*Krystyne Hastings, 23, Land-Based Mentor (Cultural Program), Former Marymount Youth*





# Marymound

## Finding the good

In Manitoba, almost 11,000 youth are in the care of Manitoba's child welfare system. Of these, over 2,000 children and teens receive services from Marymound in Winnipeg and in Thompson, including some of the province's most complex cases.

These are children who face dramatic challenges in life. Broken families. Absent parents. Addiction. Sexual, physical, and emotional abuse. Mental health challenges. Abject poverty. Homelessness. A history of self-harm. A history of trauma—much of it difficult to fathom.

While their individual stories differ, a common thread runs through the lives of these young Manitobans. A thread of resilience.

Marymound seeks to tap into that resilience and help the kids it serves to break the cycle of despair and to grow a kernel of hope into a life full of meaning. With a legacy dating back over a century, Marymound offers a variety of programs and services, including:

- Marymound School, serving up to 80 students at a time;
- supervised independent living programs for young women making their way back into community life;
- group homes in the community;
- Crisis Stabilization Units (one each for boys and girls), to help teens through periods of acute crisis;
- addictions stabilization and counselling;
- workplace training and job-finding skills;
- community housing; and
- much more.

More than 2,000 kids are supported by nearly 400 passionate, skilled staff members. Up to 80% of the youth served by Marymound are Indigenous.

Marymound is not merely sensitive to the make-up of its population because sensitivity without action is insufficient. Instead, Marymound chooses to celebrate Indigenous life and provide the appropriate infrastructure and programs for Indigenous youth to reclaim their heritage, rejoice in it, and embrace it for all time. Features include:

- an Indigenous Cultural Coordinator and four Indigenous Youth Mentors on staff;
- educational programming focusing on First Nations and Métis history, Indigenous languages, and more; and
- spiritual and cultural programming including sweat lodge ceremonies, pow wows, drumming, sacred teachings, and many more of the beautiful, powerful, and deeply meaningful elements of Indigenous life.

Marymound values its relationships with organizations in the Indigenous community and seeks the wisdom of leaders and elders as the needs of the youth we serve continue to evolve.

Marymound believes that every child deserves:

- to feel safe and protected;
- to feel as if they belong;
- to feel connected to their culture;
- to feel that someone is listening;
- to feel valued;
- to feel they have opportunities; and
- to feel a sense of hope for the future.

Marymound also believes that:

- strong societies must meet the needs of their most vulnerable members;
- everyone has a stake in the well-being of our province's youth; and
- success can be achieved and sustained with skill, compassion, and community involvement through philanthropy and dialogue.

# The Pelletier Hope Centre

A vital role in a dynamic organization

In 2014, the provincial government approached Marymount with a request to develop new programming for youth with complex needs and mental health challenges. Sadly, the demand is growing for such sophisticated programs, and the needs are becoming more complex and challenging.

In response, Marymount launched The Pelletier Hope Centre, a three-phase program:

Phase 1 (“Star I” and “Star II”), launched in 2015, looked to a new model for stabilizing, treating, and assessing 12-17-year-old girls with very complex needs, and making recommendations for their ongoing care.

Phase 2 (“I am”) will be the complete transformation of Leacock House into the Pelletier Hope Centre Transition Home. It will be a staffed residence for up to eight girls—a safe, secure, nurturing environment to help girls make a successful transition to community life.

Phase 3 (“Post”) will be a suite of programs and services to provide support to the girls once they transition into the community.

The outcomes of this program depend largely on the successful restoration of Leacock House and the launch of the Pelletier Hope Centre Transition Home.

## ***A supportive environment***

The \$5 million dollar restoration and renovation of stately Leacock House is intended to provide a safe and life-affirming environment for the girls who are served here. Eight girls at a time will call

this home, for up to 18 months each. While the architectural and design integrity of the structure will be honoured and preserved, the interior renovations will make the Pelletier Hope Centre Transition Home feel like a modern, comfortable home.

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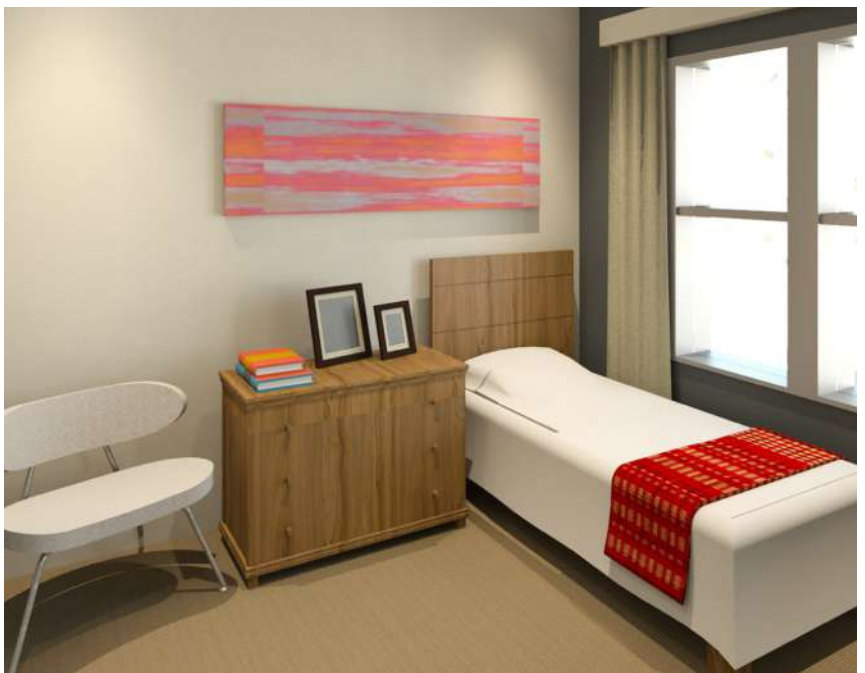
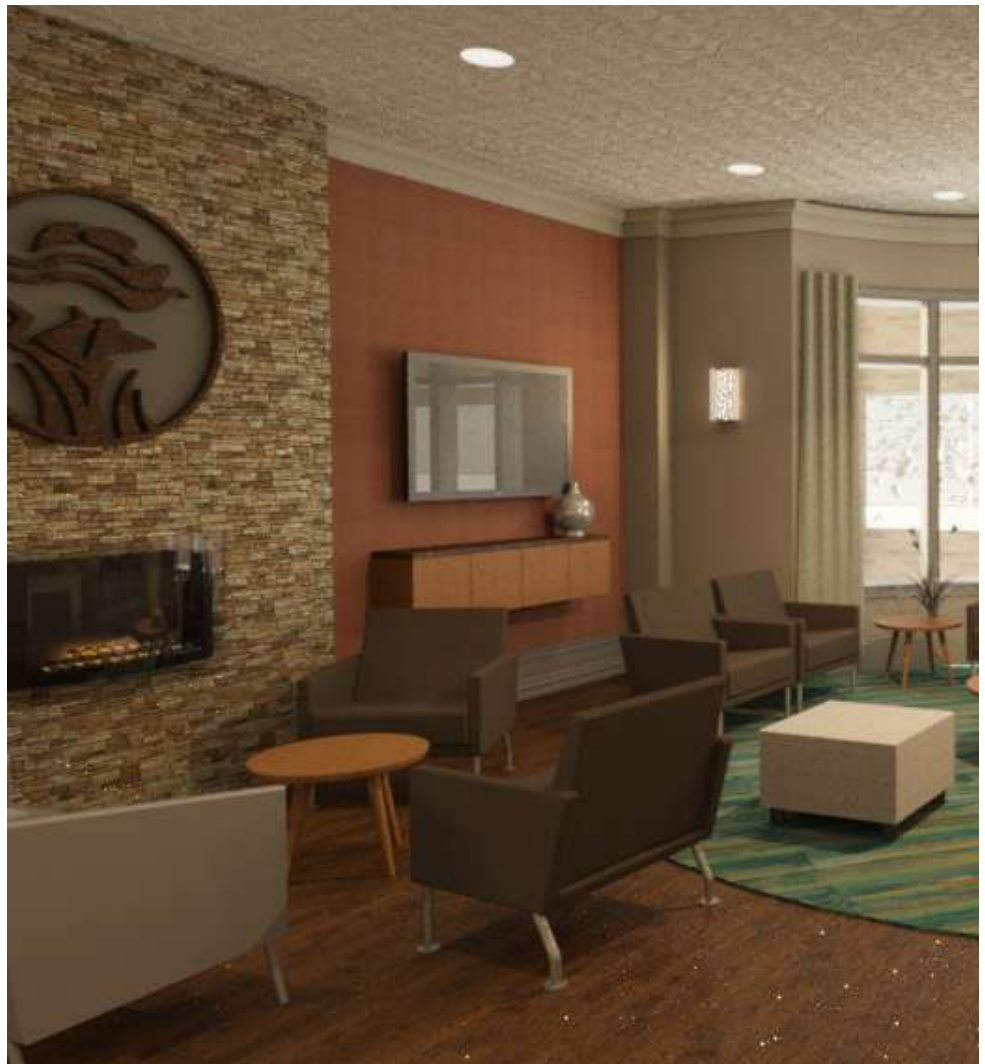
- a specially designed foyer to convey a sense of welcome and self-worth, each and every time a resident enters the building;
- a fully equipped kitchen for the girls to plan and prepare their own meals while learning healthy eating habits;
- a lounge for relaxing alone, with fellow residents, or with visiting family members;
- an activity space for crafts, exercise, and other indoor activities;
- the “Round Room”, a meditative space for personal reflection, ceremonies, and traditional teachings; and
- a wrap-around garden where the girls can develop their nurturing skills as part of their healing process.

The Pelletier Hope Centre Transition Home will have 24-hour staffing, new fixtures, and ample lighting. It will be a warm, bustling space shaped by positive energy, purposeful programs, and unbridled optimism.

“Marymount never gives up on a kid and they have a long history of helping youth with complex needs. The Pelletier Hope Centre will take Marymount’s service—and their impact—to an even higher level.”

*Ben Van Haute  
Former Assistant Deputy  
Minister, Child and  
Family Services Division*







# About Leacock House

## An exceptional property in Winnipeg's North End

- Construction of Leacock House began in 1878 and was completed in 1882.
- It is described as an example of the Queen Anne Revival architectural style, and includes bay windows with curved glass, irregular rooflines, ornamented chimneystacks, a mix of materials and colours, tin ceilings, and exquisite wood trims, among other features.
- The house was built by Edward Philip Leacock, uncle of famous author and humourist, Stephen Leacock.
- E.P. Leacock was known to have frequently hosted large parties at the house. It's been said that "the roaring hospitality never stopped".
- Leacock lived the high life, although the source of his wealth is unclear. He used to pose as the owner of a railroad to gain free rail travel across North America. He built up a large amount of debt and left Winnipeg in the late 1890s.
- Before leaving town, he sold the house to Nathaniel Francis Hagel, a successful defense lawyer.
- In his spare time, Hagel planted and tended a long row of trees along the driveway of the house. The treed driveway eventually became known as Forrest Avenue, a West Kildonan street that still exists. Hagel left the city in 1898.
- In 1911, the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd took over the house where they took care of orphans and young girls who were sentenced there for theft and prostitution, among other offenses.
- The house was expanded on the north side to address overcrowding shortly after the Sisters assumed responsibility for the house.
- In the 1950s, a remarkable mosaic by artist Norman Bruce was installed in the brick chimney that interrupts the second-storey window.
- As the Marymount campus expanded and the Marymount School opened in 1958, Leacock House functioned strictly as a residence for the Sisters who served the community.
- In 2012, City Council approved a recommendation to place Leacock House on the Buildings Conservation List as a Grade II structure with certain "Character-Defining Elements".
- The last of the Sisters lived in the house until 2014, paving the way for the redevelopment of the property into the Pelletier Hope Centre Transition Home.
- The centre is named in honour of Saint Mary Euphrasia (born Rose Virginie Pelletier), who founded the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd in 1830.

"Hearing the voice of a child that was never listened to. That's very important. Without Marymount, I don't know where these youth would have been, because this is our foundation for youth."

*Jo Jo Sutherland, Elder*

# Marymound

## Making a difference for over a century

In 1911, the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd made the journey from Montreal to Winnipeg at the request of Judge Thomas Daly. The good judge was seeking alternative ways to work with the young women who appeared in his court.

While technically charged with crimes, they were not criminals in Daly's estimation. They were not bad people. They were women who faced challenges in life including unwed motherhood and poverty.

The arrival of the Sisters and their assumption of Leacock House within months of their arrival signalled the start of Marymound as we know it today.

In its early days, Marymound provided safe haven for women "sentenced" by the courts and later for orphans literally left on the doorstep.

The handwritten admissions ledger shows a wide range of ethnicities, ages, and reasons for placement at Marymound. Many were the children of Eastern European immigrants—families struggling in a new land. By the 1950s and 1960s, the ledger started to feature more youth of Indigenous heritage—from families whose communities had been damaged by decades upon decades of systemic abuse.

Marymound has evolved and grown over time as our society has changed. The organization prides itself on being nimble, responsive, and effective in the face of enormous social pressures.

Marymound works with Manitoba's most troubled youth. Young people with damaged psyches and complex needs. Marymound advances its mission with grace, respect, innovation, and compassion.

The Pelletier Hope Centre Transition Home marks the next stage in Marymound's evolution. The next level of need. The next innovation in care.

Your gift will help a storied and successful organization meet the complex needs of its most vulnerable clients.

Your gift will preserve and enhance a stunning property with historical significance.

Your gift will help young women realize their full potential.

These girls deserve our best efforts, our generosity of spirit and of dollar, and—most important—our unwavering commitment to never give up on them.

**[www.marymound.com](http://www.marymound.com)**



"I ended up just loving the people at Marymound. They cared so much about my total well-being and helped get me back into the community. They listened to me—and heard me—when I was having so many issues."

*Paige, former Marymound youth*



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