A Family Affair: Inter-generational Social Work Stories

Like the Mullett family, there are many families that include generations of social workers who have graduated from Memorial. We’d love to highlight other inter-generational stories of our social work alumni. Contact socialworkalumni@mun.ca to share your story.

Registered social worker Christopher Mullett (BSW 1992, MSW 2010), shares his thoughts on his daughter Jillian (Class of 2019) following in his footsteps into the social work profession, and Jillian talks about her inspiration to join the profession.

“I am so very proud that my daughter Jillian has chosen to follow in my footsteps and join the social work profession. Though social work is not an easy profession, it is very rewarding. I am pleased that Jillian will get to experience making a difference in the lives of those around her and engage in such an important role in society.

If I were going to give advice to Jillian, it would be to face every day as a new adventure with possibilities to make real change. The changes may be small but they are real and her involvement will make a difference.

Jillian will be a great social worker because of her overwhelming ability to feel compassion and empathy towards others. Even as little girl in daycare she often came home with stories of defending kids being picked on by other kids. It has always been clear to me that she felt she needed to try to correct injustices for no other reason than it is the right thing to do. She is very strong, resilient and outgoing and will make a strong advocate for her clients.”