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The Legacy Lives On

Sandra Schmirler was a curling legend. She was a three-time Canadian and world curling champion and Olympic gold medalist. Although cancer tragically took Sandra's life when she was just 36 years old, her skill, determination, and resilience on the ice ensure that her name will live on in the curling record books forever.



But Sandra's enduring legacy is so much more than her achievements on the ice – it is the young lives that have been saved in her memory through the Sandra Schmirler Foundation.

Champions Start Small

For more than 20 years, the Sandra Schmirler Foundation has raised funds for hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Units to purchase life-saving equipment for babies born too soon, too small, or too sick.

When you make a legacy gift or bequest in your will to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation, you are creating a legacy of hope and health for the future.

Your legacy gift to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation ensures you will be remembered for giving tiny babies a chance to grow up to be champions – just like Sandra.

Leaving a Legacy

By making a legacy gift, you will ensure a portion of what you leave behind goes towards supporting the Sandra Schmirler Foundation to purchase life-saving medical equipment.

When you make a gift in your will to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation, you are creating a legacy of hope and health for the future. You don't have to be wealthy to save the lives of critically ill babies. Bequests can take many forms to correspond to your wishes and the needs of your family. All legacy gifts made to the Foundation will generate a tax credit that can create significant income tax savings.

However, before committing to supporting the Sandra Schmirler Foundation with a legacy gift, we recommend you consult your own legal and financial advisor to be sure your contribution is reflective of your personal circumstances.

Types of Bequests

Residual Bequests

For some, donating all or a portion of your estate through a **Residual Bequest** is the best option.

A Residual Bequest is a gift of all or a portion of what's remaining in your estate after all other taxes, liabilities, bequests, and expenses have been paid out. This type of bequest ensures that as the value of your estate fluctuates, your Sandra Schmirler Foundation contribution will always be proportionate to your wishes.

Sample Wording for a Residual Bequest

"I give the rest, residue and remainder of my estate [or _____% of the residue] to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation, headquartered in the City of Ottawa, Canada."

Specific Bequests

Others may choose to express their commitment to saving young lives by giving a specific dollar amount or piece of property, such as real estate, stocks, or bonds through a **Specific Bequest**. A Specific Bequest allots a specific amount of money (or other assets) to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation.

Sample Wording for a Specific Bequest

"I give the sum of \$ _____ [or the allotted asset] to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation, headquartered in the City of Ottawa, Canada."

Contingent Bequests

A **Contingent Bequest** is like a backup plan for your will. It only takes effect if your initial intention cannot be fulfilled due to other beneficiaries not surviving you or any other reason.

Sample Wording for a Contingent Bequest

"If [name of beneficiary] does not survive me or shall die within thirty days from the date after my death, I give to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation headquartered in the City of Ottawa, Canada, _____% of the residue of my estate or [\$_____]."

Details that may help you and your legal advisor when planning your legacy gift:

Legal Name: Sandra Schmirler Foundation

Charitable Registration Number: 87142 0410 RR0001

No matter how you choose to remember the Sandra Schmirler Foundation, your legacy gift will make a difference.

Sandra's life is a powerful reminder that life is precious and can never be taken for granted... and a poignant reminder of what it means to leave a legacy behind. If you choose to build on Sandra's legacy by remembering her remarkable Foundation in your will, please phone us toll-free at 1-866-210-6011 or email bgallagher@sandraschmirler.org.

Have you thought about the legacy you'll leave behind?

As a curler and volunteer, Sharon Howson proudly supported the Sandra Schmirler Foundation for years. However, it wasn't until her own son was born eight weeks early that she truly understood the importance of the Foundation's work.



Sharon remembers the feelings of fear and anxiety that overcame her as her baby boy was air-lifted from Thunder Bay to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) in Ottawa, using equipment purchased by the Sandra Schmirler Foundation.

Today, Sharon and her husband are the proud parents of a happy, healthy, eight-year-old boy, but they've never forgotten their NICU experiences.



To ensure the impact of their contributions to the Foundation will be felt by families in need for years to come, Sharon and her husband recently included a bequeathment gift to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation in their wills.

“To think that, in your moment of ultimate vulnerability, you have the chance to change

someone else's life – not just a baby's life, but their whole family's life – is so powerful,” she says. “The fact that our own son was saved and is today alive and thriving is a testament to why it's so important we support this incredible Foundation in every way we can.”

For Sharon, remembering the Sandra Schmirler Foundation is about the legacy she and her husband will leave behind when they're gone.





Since its inception in 2001, the Sandra Schmirler Foundation has had a profound and positive impact on the lives of thousands of premature and critically ill babies and their families.

85 hospitals in every province and territory have received over \$5 million in grants from the Sandra Schmirler Foundation for the purchase of life-saving equipment for their Neonatal Intensive Care Units.

But the work the Foundation does is about more than equipment and machines. It's also about the relief, joy, and gratitude those families will feel when they finally bring their premature babies home from the hospital.

Please consider remembering the Sandra Schmirler Foundation in your will to help continue Sandra's incredible legacy of hope.

Your legacy gift to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation reflects your compassion for premature babies and their families and your commitment to giving them a future full of promise and hope.

If you would like to create a legacy gift to the Foundation or a legacy gift in honour of a loved one, or if you would like to learn more about the impact your gift will make, we will gratefully answer all of your questions. We also recommend that you consult with your financial and legal advisors.

Please contact us at 1-866-210-6011 or email bgallagher@sandraschmirler.org so we can guide you through the process of making a bequest and changing the world for tiny babies for years to come.