

*Living the Legacy...*



*St. Mildred's - Lightbourn School  
and Women's Philanthropy*



*...Leaving a Legacy*

*"When women are fully involved, the benefits can be seen immediately; families are healthier; they are better fed; their income, savings and reinvestment go up. And what is true of families is true of communities, and eventually, of whole countries."*

Kofi Annan, the seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations

**EVOLUTION:** St. Mildred's College, Miss Lightbourn's School and, after the merger of the two, St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School (SMLS), have always welcomed progressive changes in the role and status of women. The end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the first decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century saw the struggle for women suffrage in North America, followed by the second wave of activism aimed at equality in education and employment.

As an independent school for girls and young women, SMLS has played a part in those societal changes. A premier school focusing on how young women learn, SMLS provides a stimulating environment in which young women are supported to create, question, take risks, experience the world, practise compassion, and fulfill their potential as learners, leaders and contributing members of society. SMLS girls don't just learn – they experience *the educational journey of a lifetime*.

Over the past decades women have gained financial freedom, many becoming major donors of charitable organizations and many identifying education as one of the top three causes they support.

**A LEGACY GIFT:** Whether you went to St. Mildred's College, Miss Lightbourn's School, or St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School, the name triggers a flood of memories. The first true friendships, real satisfaction when you learned or understood something profound, perhaps a disappointment or two, pranks, bold dreams – it all happened at your school. It was a time of personal growth and transformation.

***Have you considered how much the upbringing and education you received at this school influenced your future life and who you are as a person?***

Perhaps now the time is right to consider commemorating those experiences through a special gift to the School to help ensure that SMLS will continue to be viable and vibrant 20 or 30 years from now. Through the vehicle of a 'Planned Gift' such as a bequest left in your will, it is possible to leave a personal legacy to the School and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you are making a difference in the lives of young women for decades to come.

This final gift is one of the finest legacies a person can leave – something that will ultimately benefit those who will follow you.

Our alumnae are proof of SMLS excellence. Please take a moment to reflect on how you might give back so that girls can continue to have the opportunity to experience the educational journey of a lifetime at St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School.

## WAYS TO GIVE

**Charitable Bequest** - your will allows you to choose what happens to your assets. A charitable bequest, or a gift in your will, enables you to support St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School and maintain your present financial security. Charitable bequests often allow donors to make more significant gifts than they could in their lifetime.

- A bequest can be arranged as a gift of cash, property, or other assets.
- Your estate will benefit from a tax receipt.

**Life Insurance** – an affordable way for you to make a future major gift to the School.

- ✓ *Donate a new policy.* Designate the School the owner and the beneficiary and you will receive a charitable tax receipt for total annual payments.
- ✓ *Donate a paid-up policy.* Name SMLS owner and beneficiary; a tax receipt will be issued for the current value of the policy.
- ✓ *Donate an existing policy that is only partially paid up.* Transfer ownership to the School and then receive a tax receipt for the current value and all future premium payments.
- ✓ *Name SMLS as beneficiary of a life insurance policy,* retain ownership and have access to its cash value. The future donation will be eligible for a tax credit on the final tax return.

**Charitable Remainder Trust** – by establishing a trust, you or your loved one can enjoy income from the trust and the School will receive what remains in the trust after the income beneficiary's death. You may be entitled to a donation receipt for the residual interest in the trust.

**Gift of Retirement Assets** – by designating St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School as a beneficiary you will retain full access to retirement funds during your life and then your RRSP/RRIF will pass to the School tax free because the tax credit will offset the tax on the distribution.

**Gift of Securities** - when securities are transferred to SMLS, the donor does not pay a tax on capital gain and a tax receipt is issued for the full market value of the securities.

### SMLS LEGACY SOCIETY

Our Legacy Society honours the members of the St. Mildred's-Lightbourn community who have made planned gifts to the School. With their permission, their name or family's name is listed on our Donor Wall and in our publications.

When you decide to formalize your estate plans, we hope that SMLS will be on top of your list of charitable organizations.

***Join others in carrying our traditions of excellence into the future!***

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## SMLS Legacy Society Members

*Leaving Their Legacy - Supporting the Future*



### Miss Margaret Burritt

Class of 1938

"I've decided that leaving something in my will would express in a small way my appreciation and thanks for what I received those many years ago."

"St. Mildred's was a small, intimate and friendly School. It felt like a family. The Sisters had a great influence and I think gave us something just a little extra special to take out into the world."

### Mrs. Olwen (BARROW) Davies

Class of 1958

"At St. Mildred's, we received excellent education. The Sisters instilled in us ethical and moral values that have helped us to navigate skilfully through our lives, and many of us gained life-long friends. You can't possibly ask for more. St. Mildred's means a lot to me and has a special place in my heart. That is why I have decided to do something special by including a bequest gift in my will for the School."



### Shevawn and Scot Adams

parents of **Victoria Adams**, Class of 2007

"Our daughter graduated last year and was accepted to her first choice university with a fabulous scholarship. Clearly, the caring, nurturing and supportive academic environment at SMLS worked for her. We support the School's mission to be the premier school for girls. Through the legacy program, we hope to contribute to ongoing high standards, so that young women will continue to benefit from the SMLS journey for many years to come."

### Ms. Janet E. Stewart

Class of 1960

"I attended St. Mildred's as a boarder from 1955-1960. I look back fondly on those years and have vivid memories of teachers - Miss Asman, Miss Freemantle, Miss Walker - who challenged (and disciplined) me. Sister Mary Adela and Sister Benedetta were particularly understanding and supportive. I thrived in the environment of an all girls' school and this has benefited me throughout my professional and personal life."

"I included SMLS in my will because I know there are girls who will benefit from a SMLS education who cannot afford it without financial help."

