

# The Importance of Giving

At St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School we offer your child an exemplary educational experience. Tuition fees cover basic operating costs, but as an independent school and a not for profit charitable organization, we also require the financial support of our community to ensure we remain at the forefront of educational excellence.

Our School has been fortunate to have had generations of parents who made gifts to fund the resources your daughter enjoys today. As a current parent, we encourage you to support the School for your children as well as children of the future. The continued excellent reputation of the School will benefit your child in years to come.

## Giving Made Easy

St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School offers a variety of convenient ways to give a gift to the School, including:

- **One time and monthly** – Paid by cheque or credit card.
- **Multi-Year** – Confirmed by completing a pledge form.
- **United Way Designation** - During your workplace campaign, designate your United Way donation to St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School.
- **Securities** – You do not pay a capital gains tax when securities are donated and the transfer can be done electronically.
- **Gifts in Kind** – Donations of needed goods and services such as computers, musical instruments and printing services.
- **Planned** – Bequests and life insurance policies.
- **Matching** – Some companies match gifts made to the School. To find out more about your company's matching gift policy, we suggest you contact your Human Resources department.



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## Philanthropy and Your Independent School



The missing piece  
is *your help.*

## Parents Play a Vital Role

Independent schools could not offer the quality of education, service and sense of community if not for parental involvement as volunteers and donors. Parents are essential resources at St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School.

As a parent in an Independent School, you provide financial support in the form of tuition and donations, you provide energy and time on fundraising projects and teacher support and you make your expertise available. We couldn't operate without you.

At SMLS parents are given many opportunities to have a voice in decisions that are made. We value our partnership.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: Are SMLS families obligated to give?**

**A:** Charitable giving is a private family decision and is never compulsory. While your daughter is at SMLS, we ask that you consider making her School one of your charities of choice to help us continue our tradition of excellence and growth.

### **Q: Do I obtain an income tax receipt for my gift?**

**A:** Yes, SMLS is a charitable organization. You will receive a gift receipt in the mail. If you have lost your receipt and need a copy, you may contact **Advancement** at **905-845-5830 ext. 835**.

### **Q: Should I make a donation if I can only give a small amount?**

**A:** We value every gift. Every donation helps us reach our goals and demonstrates your commitment to the School. We recognize donors at all levels of financial contribution.

### **Q: Can I designate my United Way donation to St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School?**

**A:** Yes. You simply provide your employer with the School's Charitable Registration Number # 119191963RR0001 and request that your United Way gift be designated to SMLS. We ask that you notify Advancement of your pledge so we can acknowledge your support.

### **Q: Can I make a multi-year pledge and spread out my payments?**

**A:** Yes. We encourage a 5 year pledge payment period and recognize your donation immediately for the full pledged amount.

### **Q: What are the projects at the School that require my help?**

**A:** Currently there are three areas requiring financial support, including:

**Capital Campaign** – The School's number one priority is the capital campaign – supporting the historic expansion underway.

**Scholarships and Bursaries** – Gifts to support the Scholarship and Bursary Endowment Fund rewards academic achievement and enables young women whose families are facing financial challenges to receive an SMLS education.

**Annual needs** - Donations are needed to purchase teaching tools, technology enhancements, athletic equipment, Arts Centre acquisitions.

### **Q: Are there ways to help in addition to financial giving?**

**A:** The School has many events and activities throughout the year. We encourage you to volunteer and participate in our fundraising events and committees and live the entire SMLS experience.

### **For more information contact:**

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