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Supporting WDMH's Youngest Patients

Olympian and World Champion Curler Lisa Weagle is used to taking the lead, but there were no guards, draws, or takeouts when she visited Winchester District Memorial Hospital on October 16th. Instead, Lisa was there to present a cheque for \$7,921 on behalf of the Sandra Schmirler Foundation. The money will be used to purchase a biliimeter for WDMH's Family Birthing Unit.

"We are honoured to help support the needs of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital," said Lisa Weagle, Director, Sandra Schmirler Foundation. "All champions start small and it is our pleasure to fund this important piece of equipment to help families in Winchester area."

Jaundice is common in newborns and occurs when there is too much bilirubin in the blood. Biliimeters are used to read bilirubin levels using a special light. There is no pain to the baby and needle-prick blood testing is not necessary. The machine will greatly reduce the number of needles given to newborns.

"We are proud of the care provided at WDMH's Family Birthing Unit for parents, babies, and families," noted Foundation Managing Director Kristen Casselman. "This care wouldn't be possible without the support of donors such as the Sandra Schmirler Foundation. Thank you so much."

The Sandra Schmirler Foundation's vision is that every baby has the chance to grow up and be a champion, just like Sandra. The WDMH Foundation is honoured and grateful for this important gift.

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Cutline: Shown at the presentation are (l-r): Lisa Weagle, Board Director, Sandra Schmirler Foundation and Olympian and World Champion Curler with Kristen Casselman, Managing Director, WDMH Foundation



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