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May 9, 2021 – Gail Maki (\$23,940)

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As mothers around are recognised across North America with gifts and love, Gail Maki received a wonderful Mother’s Day surprise of \$23,940. Curling Alberta would like to thank mothers for their continued support in making curling a reality for their loved ones whether it be driving their family to bonspiels across the province, (if not further) and to late night practices or sitting in the cold arena stands day after day as their children’s biggest fans.

So how does it feel to win that much money? “Completely unexpected. I purchased tickets not expecting to win, I purchased to support the cause of promoting curling in Alberta and to support youths,” Gail said. “Winning happens to other people, not me, but I guess I am ‘one of those people now’.” It may have not been expected but she was grateful and overwhelmed when she noticed her ticket number this morning in the daily email.

As a mother herself, she plans to use some of the winnings to support her two kids in post-secondary school and looks forward to using a portion towards a family get together once the current environment allows it. A true motherly figure indeed. Although she will likely treat herself to items on her wish list, she needs some time for the win to sink in.

We also get to celebrate ticket-holder B-10016404 who won Sunday’s 12:30pm early bird prize of \$1,250 and B-10129490 who won the 7:00pm prize of \$5,000.

Congratulations and thank you to Gail and the early bird winners for continuing to support Curling Alberta’s 50/50. We are also grateful to every fan that continues to purchase tickets to help create a legacy for our sport and to fund community curling programs throughout Alberta.