MARJORIE SCHNEIDER ART OF LIFE

Marjorie Schneider has pursued mankind's highest potential from her years as a student through her professional career in the arts and education and groundbreaking achievements as a global philanthropist – achieving new possibilities in new ways bridging old and new, business and philanthropy, self and other.

Marjorie Schneider specializes in developing special abilities in herself and in everyone whom she touches to improve life. In her own education Marjorie Schneider studied education itself and, recognizing the arts as mankind's highest medium of expression, Schneider went on to earn advanced qualifications and to become an internationally recognized expert in all that which makes life meaningful and beautiful.

It has not been Marjorie Schneider's diplomas and honors, though, but her special dedication to employing these skills and interests for the benefit of others that has allowed her to so greatly enhance the lives of everyone around her. Schneider's vision of a life worth living has impacted not only those in her immediate circle, but also multitudes far and wide around the world; many of whom may not even be aware of her impact on their lives. Thanks to a lifetime of inspiration, dedication and honest hard work, Marjorie Schneider is now quite simply one of the most influential education, philanthropy, art and design professionals on Earth.

While Schneider can rattle off the background of each artist of the present day or ancient past as easily as the background of each horticultural treasure in her gardens and nurseries, it is about the accomplishments of others that Marjorie Schneider speaks most proudly. Every one of her interests and every moment in her days has been dedicated to the support of others and the betterment of their lives, for year after year – and each of her great and good deeds compounds a lifetime of achievements in a life ever-so worth living, and one that can be a model from which all of us can learn the true meaning of a greater humanity.

Marjorie Schneider also has passed on her commitment to promoting all that is beautiful in life to those around her: not least to her own family members. Each member of the Schneider family has therefore likewise gone on to perpetuate and further this legacy of beauty in their daily lives and in the institutions they have built with them: to further the aim of creating *lives worth living*.

Marjorie Schneider and her husband – revered physician Bernard Schneider MD – along with their children, world renowned physician and scientist Susan Schneider and international financial attorney and financial wizard Kenneth Schneider, have devoted their untiring efforts and worldwide resources to building from green fields and purest sources international forces for good.

Susan Schneider has followed in both of her illustrious parents' footsteps by becoming both an accomplished artist and a famous medical practitioner, while Kenneth Schneider has taken the Schneider family legacy in entirely new directions: by becoming one of the world's most accomplished lawyers and negotiators while also forging a global media and technology firm specifically designed to inspire people everywhere to fulfill their highest potential: *Aurience Ltd*.

Marjorie Schneider is a licensed antiquarian and internationally recognized art expert who also has higher degrees in horticulture and landscape design. Marjorie Schneider's work has been showcased nationally and internationally and featured in a number of important regional and national publications. Marjorie Schneider also is a lifelong professional educator and an active philanthropist who has provided substantial leadership and support to The Special Olympics and The Apogee Foundation.

And what the Schneiders have accomplished together as a family is more amazing still. Among the latest Schneider initiatives has been their formation of *The Apogee Foundation*: a monumental philanthropic organization with operations in more than a dozen countries that works ceaselessly to discover, develop and celebrate human creative excellence worldwide.

In recognition of her inspiration in the formation of this organization, Marjorie Schneider was named one of Apogee's inaugural directors – and to this day continues to serve as a valued arts and education advisor to the Foundation. Marjorie Schneider's children have now again followed in her footsteps, while also bringing their own unique talents to bear on its continued development: with Kenneth Schneider agreeing to serve as Apogee's President and General Counsel and Susan Schneider agreeing to serve serving as the Foundation's Corporate Secretary and its Visual Arts & Sciences consultant. Thus Marjorie Schneider's legacy continues to ripple through perpetuity. Where it may yet lead, we cannot know – we only know for sure that it will result in the highest that mankind can achieve: over and over and over again...

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