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Health & Wealth Raffle Brings Medical Firsts to the Valley

The biannual Health & Wealth Raffle benefitting St. Joseph's Hospital and Barrow Neurological Institute continues to make medical history

PHOENIX- Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009 – Arizona's original Raffle kicks off its 12th Health & Wealth Raffle, TODAY. There have been amazing things happening at St. Joseph's Hospital and Barrow Neurological Institute since the Raffle began in 2003. For instance, millions of dollars have been raised to benefit St. Joseph's and Barrow and Raffle dollars are now supporting nearly 200 research projects.

"It's incredible to see how the Raffle dollars are contributing to the hospital," said Kathy Rice, manager of the Health & Wealth Raffle. "Every Raffle I see some amazing things happen at St. Joseph's and Barrow, and it's all because of the generous support of the people of Arizona."

Raffle dollars have allowed the hospital to bring a long list of life-giving firsts to the growing Phoenix community.

"As the first hospital in the state, St. Joseph's has been setting the bar for medical care since 1895," said Mary Jane Crist, chief executive officer, St. Joseph's Foundation, and Barrow Neurological Foundation. "The Health & Wealth Raffle provides the funds we need to continue the tradition of life-giving firsts."

Since St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center was founded, it has been at the forefront of medical firsts, providing next generation, cutting-edge medical technology.

The Health & Wealth Raffle has helped St. Joseph's and Barrow achieve major milestones in medical research, education and patient care here in Arizona, including:

- First Congenital Heart Center in the Valley
- First Lung Transplant Program in the Valley
- First Pediatric Cardiothoracic ICU in Arizona

Spring 2009 Health & Wealth Raffle Dates

Key dates for the Spring 2009 Health & Wealth Raffle include:

- **Midnight, Wednesday, Feb. 25** – deadline to purchase tickets for the Early Bird Prize Draw
- Thursday, March 5 – Early Bird Prize Draw
- **Midnight, Wednesday, April 1** – deadline to purchase tickets for the Final Prize Draw
- Thursday, April 9 – Final Prize Draw

Grand Prize Packages

The Spring 2009 Health & Wealth Raffle includes three Grand Prizes:

- **Grand Prize Package #1:** A 3,408-square-foot T.W. Lewis home in Blackstone in Vistancia, a one year membership to Blackstone Country Club plus a 2010 Mercedes GLK 350
- **Grand Prize Package #2:** A 3,229-square-foot T.W. Lewis home in Alta Vista at Vistancia plus a 2009 Cadillac DTS
- **Grand Prize Package #3:** A 2009 Aston Martin Vantage, a transatlantic cruise plus \$40,000 cash.

Early Bird Prize Packages

All Health & Wealth Raffle participants who enter before midnight, Wednesday, Feb. 25, will be eligible to win two Early Bird prize packages. Early Bird prizes are incentive for many participants to enter early as the winning tickets are put back in the drawing and remain eligible for the Grand Prize drawing.

- **Early Bird Prize Package #1:** a 2009 Audi A4, a 16-day South China Sea Cruise plus \$15,000 cash
- **Early Bird Prize Package #2:** a 2009 Mazda RX-8, a romantic seven-night French Polynesian Cruise plus \$15,000 cash

How to Enter

To enter the Spring 2009 Health & Wealth Raffle, visit www.HealthWealthRaffle.org or call 1-866-390-9034.

Tickets are \$100 each, with a limited number of three ticket packages for \$250. The Internal Revenue Service deems participants' expenditures of \$100 and \$250 to purchase entries not tax deductible. Corresponding taxes on prizes valued at \$5,000 or greater must be paid upon award and before receiving the prize.

About Health & Wealth Raffle

The Health & Wealth Raffle is the first of its kind in Arizona and one of the largest fundraisers for St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and Barrow Neurological Institute. Since its inception in 2003, the Raffle has served as a unique tool to raise much-needed funds in a short period of time. The biannual Raffle enables the hospital to fund research, medical education, and patient care. To date, more than 97,000 prizes have been awarded to Raffle participants, including 22 homes, 307 trips, and more than 350 vehicles. Whenever possible, prizes are purchased in the state of Arizona. Tickets are \$100 and must be purchased in the state, but participants do not have to be residents of Arizona to win. To learn more about the Health & Wealth Raffle or to enter, visit www.HealthWealthRaffle.org.

About St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and Barrow Neurological Institute:

Located in the heart of Phoenix, Arizona, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center is a 743-bed, not-for-profit hospital that provides a wide range of health, social, and support services with special advocacy for the poor and underserved. St. Joseph's is a nationally recognized center for quality tertiary care, medical education, and research. It includes the internationally renowned Barrow Neurological Institute, the Heart & Lung Institute, St. Joseph's Children's Health Center, and the only Trauma Center in the state of Arizona with Level I verification from the American College of Surgeons. The hospital is also a respected center for maternity care, orthopedics, oncology, and many other medical services. *U.S. News & World Report* routinely ranks St. Joseph's among the best hospitals in the United States for neurology and neurosurgery.