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**Grand Prize Winners Selected in Fall 2011 St. Joseph's Health & Wealth Raffle**  
*Top Winner Claims \$1 million cash, others drive away in brand new cars and prepare to head out on trips of a lifetime*

PHOENIX (October 6, 2011) – St. Joseph's Health & Wealth Raffle announced the winners of the fall 2011 Raffle, awarding more than 4,000 prizes in all.

Kathy Rice, executive director of St. Joseph's Health & Wealth Raffle, personally called the top Raffle winners immediately following the draw to deliver the good news.

"The day of the Final Draw was such an emotional and exciting day for me and for the winners," said Rice. "I always make it a point to call the top winners to tell them the good news and thank them for participating in the Raffle and supporting the hospital. Especially in these challenging economic times, it's encouraging to see Arizona residents come together to support St. Joseph's and Barrow."

Shortly after the Final Draw on September 29, Robert Roddy, a Phoenix resident, got the call that he had won Grand Prize #1 and was Arizona's newest millionaire.

Roddy's father had always purchased Raffle tickets as his way of supporting St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center. Earlier this year, his father passed away and Roddy decided it was important to continue his father's tradition. Roddy purchased a Raffle ticket and told his girlfriend that his dad would get him the million dollars. He was right.

"Somebody has to win, I just never thought it would be me," said Roddy. "My dad helped me get the million."

Roddy says he will continue to purchase Raffle tickets in the future because, like his father, he believes it's a worthwhile cause.

Other big winners in the Fall 2011 Raffle include:

**Grand Prize #2 Winner, a Tucson resident,** wishes to remain anonymous. A loyal Raffle participant, she won the choice of either a 2012 Airstream Interstate powered by Mercedes-Benz plus cash or \$150,000 cash. The winning ticket was a birthday present from her sister.

**Scott Brady, a Laveen resident,** won a 7-day cruise for two on the Disney cruise ship, The Fantasy, along with \$4,000 cash. Brady learned about the Raffle when he was visiting a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, and decided to participate.

"I've never won anything big in my life, and I haven't had time in years to take off work and vacation with my wife," Brady said. "This will be my first vacation ever outside the western United States. We can't believe it!"

**Ashok Shadhwani, a Chandler resident,** first heard about the Raffle the day before the final cutoff and quickly purchased a ticket. He won a 2012 Audi A7 and \$20,000 cash. Shadhwani says he's happy to replace his old, dying car with the new one, and that he plans to donate \$1,000 of his winnings to St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center.

"I never expected to win," said Shadhwani. "I'm really happy and plan on donating some of my winnings back to the hospital. As long as the money goes to St. Joseph's, it's a good thing."

**Frank Ramirez, a Chandler resident,** won a 2012 Chrysler 200 Convertible plus \$10,000 cash. Ramirez said he's known about the Raffle since its inception and that he's been buying tickets for a long time.

"I'm surprised," said Ramirez, "You buy a ticket hoping you'll win, and it happened!"

Ramirez and his wife plan on giving their current car to their daughter so they can drive the new convertible.

All proceeds from Raffle ticket sales go to St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and Barrow Neurological Institute. Since the Raffle's inception, it has raised more than \$52 million for St. Joseph's, enabling the hospital to fund research, medical education and patient care.

More than 4,000 prizes were given away in the Fall 2011 Health & Wealth Raffle. For a complete list of winners, visit [www.HealthWealthRaffle.org](http://www.HealthWealthRaffle.org).

#### **About St. Joseph's Health & Wealth Raffle**

St. Joseph's 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 helps the hospital fund research, medical education and patient care. To date, more than 128,000 prizes have been awarded to Raffle participants, including 27 homes, 439 trips, 477 vehicles and more than \$16 million cash. 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 St. Joseph's Health & Wealth Raffle or to enter, visit [www.HealthWealthRaffle.org](http://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 607-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, the only Lung Transplant Center in the Valley and one of only two Trauma Centers 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.