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Avid Philanthropist Wins Big in Health & Wealth Raffle

Phoenix resident becomes instant millionaire after winning Grand Prize #1 in the Health & Wealth Raffle

PHOENIX – Monday, Oct. 13, 2008 –As news of the economy weighs down the nation, the Health & Wealth Raffle and St. Joseph’s Hospital and Barrow Neurological Institute, gives hope to many Arizonans. Phoenix resident, K. Remick, was the first to receive the call that she was the winner of the one million dollar Grand Prize for the Fall Health & Wealth Raffle, with her purchase of a 3-pack.

“With the news we’ve all been hearing lately, it’s a blessing to share good news, on behalf of St. Joseph’s and Barrow, and listen to the overwhelming joy and tears of the winners who tell me what a miracle it is to get the call that they were one of the big winners,” said Kathy Rice, manager of the Health & Wealth Raffle.

Remick broke into tears after Kathy Rice, manager of the Health & Wealth Raffle, gave her the big news.

“I never thought I would cry, but I lost it, I was in shock,” said Remick.

Winning the Grand Prize couldn’t have come at a better time for the Remicks. Her brother has been struggling with severe lower back problems. He has applied for disability several times but hasn’t been accepted.

“I told myself, if I ever won anything, I would help my brother, and now I get to!” said Remick.

Other Grand Prize winners:

D. Davner from Gilbert won Grand Prize # 2 - \$500,000.

The 54-year-old Gilbert resident purchased a single ticket just five days before the final deadline in this Fall’s Health & Wealth Raffle. Davner and her husband have been entering the Raffle since 2004, the same year her husband was diagnosed with a brain aneurysm at St. Joseph’s Hospital and Barrow Neurological Institute.

During their trying time at the hospital, Davner expresses that, “It was a wonderful experience, they saved his life,” said Davner.

This is the Davner’s first win; Davner explains that winning Grand Prize #2 is shocking, saying “It’s usually not our luck.”

B. Krauss of Fort Mohave won Grand Prize #3 - His & Hers Mercedes plus \$45,000, a package valued at more than \$154,000.

Krauss, a retiree, moved to Arizona in 2007 and first heard about the Health & Wealth Raffle from a close friend. Ever since, Krauss has tried her luck at the Raffle, hoping to become a big winner.

“I was praying to God it would happen,” said Krauss “I had to take a breath, it was a miracle.”

Krauss, an avid quilter, plans to pay off her mortgage and purchase a quilting machine with her winnings.

Other top winners share their stories:

M. Daniels of Sun City won a 2009 Cadillac Escalade Hybrid plus \$23,000

Daniels, a retiree of 16 years, has entered the Health & Wealth Raffle for years. She enters because she feels like it supports a great cause and wants to help St. Joseph’s Hospital and Barrow Neurological Institute.

After hearing she had won a top prize, emotions took over. “I could have fainted,” Daniels said. Daniels and her boyfriend purchased the ticket together and plan to split the prize. Daniels and her boyfriend are going to share the exciting news with her son because he loves Cadillacs.

R. Pollifrone of Scottsdale won a 2008 Honda Civic Hybrid plus \$8,000

Pollifrone was at work when he received a call from Kathy Rice. He immediately knew something was up.

“I’ve been entering the Raffle for years, and they don’t call you unless you’ve won a big prize!” said Pollifrone.

Pollifrone recently was injured at work so the positive news of winning a new car came at the perfect time. After entering in the Raffle for the past four years, Pollifrones luck was on his side.

“My wife and I have wanted to purchase a Hybrid car for a while, and the next thing I know, I won one!” said Pollifrone.

J. Fernandez of Scottsdale won a 2009 Dodge Journey plus \$8,000

Fernandez was a children’s rehabilitation nurse at the hospital for 18 years before retiring in 1995. She heard about the Health & Wealth Raffle while working as a nurse at St. Joseph’s Hospital.

“I’ve been entering the Raffle for four years and I thought I would never win, but I enjoyed supporting St. Joseph’s and Barrow,” said Fernandez. “They do wonderful research and in my opinion, take great care of our town.”

About the Health & Wealth Raffle

The Health & Wealth Raffle is 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 projects in the areas of research, medical education, and patient care. To date, more than 89,000 prizes have been awarded to Raffle participants, including 22 homes, 300 trips and more than 325 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 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 690-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 and World Report* routinely ranks St. Joseph's among the best hospitals in the United States for neurology and neurosurgery.