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Scottsdale, Phoenix, and Flagstaff Residents Win Top Four Grand Prizes in Fall 2007 Health & Wealth Raffle

Million Dollar Grand Prize Winner Entered Raffle On Last Day

Raffle proceeds support St. Joseph's Hospital and Barrow Neurological Institute

PHOENIX – Nov. 5, 2007– An entrepreneur, airline pilot, city inspector, and maintenance worker are the four Grand Prize winners in the Fall 2007 Health & Wealth Raffle. Names of the four Grand Prize winners were announced today following the Raffle Final Drawing for 9,298 winners conducted by the accounting firm CBIZ Miller Wagner on Thursday, November 1. Net proceeds support St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and its internationally renowned Barrow Neurological Institute.

“Congratulations to all of our Raffle winners and special thanks to those who continue to support this unique project,” said Mary Jane Crist, chief executive officer of St. Joseph's Foundation and Barrow Neurological Foundation. “Each time someone purchases a Raffle ticket, he or she is helping us improve patient care and invest in more medical education and research projects, which ultimately benefits our entire community.”

Kathy Rice, raffle manager, agreed and also had a message for Raffle participants who did not win a prize.

“Several of our big prize winners had participated in past Raffles and never won, or they had won a small prize. In fact, our millionaire Grand Prize winner in this Raffle waited until the last minute to enter. He realized that even if he did not win, he was helping a wonderful cause,” Rice said.

Rice said that since the Raffle launched 4 ½ years ago, some of the big winners had a personal connection to St. Joseph's Hospital and some did not.

“Yes, people dream of winning, but when talking with past Raffle winners, most never expected to. And without a Raffle ticket, you'll never know if the next big winner could be you,” she said.

The four Grand Prize winners are:

- **Jim Pritchard, Scottsdale**
Grand Prize #1 is \$1 million cash

Jim Pritchard almost missed out on winning \$1 million. The 48-year-old owner of a pharmaceutical company had entered the Health & Wealth Raffle in the past and once won a camera. And though he saw advertisements for the Raffle and was impressed to learn how Raffle funds benefit St. Joseph's and Barrow, he still waited to enter.

An e-mail reminder from the Raffle on the final day to enter stirred him to act.

“My fiancé, Jaime, and I have always been very supportive of charities,” Pritchard said of his decision to enter the Raffle. “I also liked the odds of winning a prize. After all, who wouldn't want to win a car or cash?”

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By the time Pritchard decided to enter, the Raffle's popular three-pack of tickets for \$250 were gone. He paid the extra \$50 to purchase three single tickets for \$300.

And then he forgot about it...until November 1, when he got a call from the Raffle manager.

"Jaime and I had just closed on our new home on October 31, and then Kathy Rice called the next day to tell me I won a million dollars. I also won a copper patio fire pit," he said. "It has been a pretty good week. Maybe I should go buy a lottery ticket!"

A St. Louis native, Pritchard has lived in Arizona for 14 years. He said he and Jaime will share their winnings with family and some favorite charities, including Stand Up for Kids, a non-profit that helps get homeless children off the streets.

But first: they plan to travel to Hawaii first-class to get married.

- **Christopher Calvert, Scottsdale**
Grand Prize # 2 is \$500,000 cash

"I'm on cloud nine. I still can't believe it," Christopher Calvert, 37, said after winning Grand Prize #2 in the Fall 2007 Health & Wealth Raffle. "It is truly amazing. When I entered, I never expected to win."

A pilot for a local airline, Calvert purchased a three-pack of tickets for \$250 because he believes in the cause and wanted to support St. Joseph's Hospital in helping children.

"My wife, Asela, and I have two daughters, ages 4 ½ and 13 weeks," Calvert said. "We don't have a personal connection to St. Joseph's, but we know that the funds raised really help everyone in our community."

Calvert had forgotten that November 1 was the Final Draw date. He had received a message on his machine from Kathy Rice, raffle manager, and when he returned the call, he learned that he won \$500,000.

"Kathy asked me if I knew what day it was. I told her it was November 1. She stated that she calls the big winners in the Raffle, and then I knew we won something big, but I thought it might be \$1,000 or maybe even a car. Asela was standing next to me when I was on the phone, and she said I lost all color when I was told that we won Grand Prize #2," he said.

Calvert moved to Arizona seven years ago from Florida. He said he and Asela feel very blessed and plan to share their winnings with the Franciscan Renewal Center and the non-profit Maggie's Place. They also plan to allocate some funds towards retirement, and they are planning a family trip to Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

- **Albert Gonzales, Phoenix**
Grand Prize # 3 is a 2007 Bentley Continental GT Convertible plus \$55,000 cash. Gonzales has opted to keep the cash equivalent of \$260,000.

Albert Gonzales, 45, is no longer a skeptic and said he is proof that real people really do win in the Health & Wealth Raffle.

The 45-year-old inspector for the City of Phoenix purchased a three-pack of tickets for \$250 because of the cause. He entered an hour before the Early Bird cut-off of midnight, October 3. While he did not win one of the Early Bird prizes, he did even better with Grand Prize # 3: a 2007 Bentley Continental GT Convertible plus \$55,000 cash.

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“St. Joseph’s is a great hospital. My mother used to work there. I know people who were treated there. It is really one of the best hospitals. If something happened to me where I needed specialized care, I would want to be treated at St. Joseph’s,” Gonzales said.

Born in the small Arizona mining town of San Manuel, Gonzales has lived in Phoenix since 1967. A single father, he had been planning on purchasing a new car for his son, Matthew, 19, as a reward for good grades at Phoenix College.

Gonzales was at work when Kathy Rice, raffle manager, called with the good news.

“I was hesitant to pick up the phone because I did not recognize the phone number,” he said. “At first I did not believe it. It was a very emotional afternoon!”

Though the thought of keeping the car was tempting, he has decided to keep the cash equivalent of \$260,000.

“I drive a 2003 Hyundai Sonata, and it was fun to fantasize about the Bentley on my driveway, but I’ll take a portion of the cash to purchase a car for Matthew. I also plan to share some of the winnings with family, pay off my mortgage, and plan a family trip to California or Mexico City,” he said.

Gonzales said he feels fortunate to win a Grand Prize, especially since he waited until the last hour on the Early Bird deadline of the Raffle to enter.

“I was skeptical,” he said. “I had entered the Raffle in the past and never won, but I figured the money goes to a good cause. Now I’m a believer, and I can’t wait until next year!”

- **Randal Kelley, Flagstaff**

Grand Prize #4 is a Monaco Grand Prix Experience plus \$50,000 cash. The prize package includes five days of glamour in Monte Carlo, including dinner with Prince Albert and VIP seats for the world’s most exotic auto race. Kelley has decided to take the cash equivalent of \$100,000.

Randal Kelley, 51, has had luck with the Health & Wealth Raffle in the past.

“I’ve been participating for three years and almost always win a small prize,” Kelley said.

A maintenance worker for SCA Tissue in Flagstaff, Kelley has no personal connection to St. Joseph’s Hospital, but entered because of the cause. He purchased a three-pack of tickets for \$250.

On the day of the Final Draw, he received a voice mail message on his answering machine and knew he must have won a larger prize.

“I thought that I might have won a TV. I still can’t believe I won one of the Grand Prizes,” he said.

Originally from Bakersfield, California, Kelley has lived in Flagstaff since 1961. He will take the cash equivalent of \$100,000 and use a portion of it to pay off credit cards and fund home improvement projects. He also plans to treat some friends and family members to a Mexican cruise.

Several other winners shared their stories:

- **Susan Hyden, Phoenix (Ahwatukee), won a 2007 Lexus LS plus \$22,000 cash.**

Susan Hyden credits her colleagues for inspiring her to enter the Health & Wealth Raffle. The 45-year-old community center director for the Ahwatukee Community Swim & Tennis Center would watch her boss and colleagues enter the Raffle each fall and spring. They would wish each other luck before each draw and check the winners’ list to see who the big winners were.

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“I finally purchased one ticket last spring and did not win. This time, I purchased a three-pack of tickets for \$250,” Hyden said.

Her investment paid off with the top vehicle prize in the Fall 2007 Raffle: a 2007 Lexus LS plus \$22,000 cash.

Hyden could hardly contain her excitement as she explained why she will keep the car.

"My husband, Randy, is in the car business. He has been bringing home different demo cars and trucks for me to drive. So, every two or three weeks, I have to clean out the demo car and switch to a different one. This will be the very first car I have owned in 15 years!" Hyden said.

She had not told Randy she entered the Health & Wealth Raffle, but when he learned she was a big winner, he was more enthusiastic about the prize than she was.

“I really didn’t understand what I had won. I knew the value of it, but he’s a car man, so he’s very excited,” she said.

A Texas native, Hyden and her family moved to Arizona seven years ago. She and Randy have three sons, one in college and two in high school. In addition, they are currently hosting a male foreign exchange student.

“I’m the only female in the household...even my pets are male. I’m used to hauling the boys around, but this will be a boy-free car,” she said.

- **Janet Dodge, Phoenix, won a 2007 Porsche Boxster Convertible plus \$17,000 cash.**

Each day Janet Dodge goes to work, she sees firsthand how the Health & Wealth Raffle benefits patient care, medical education and research at St. Joseph’s Hospital and Barrow Neurological Institute.

A Chicago native, Dodge has been working in health care for 25 years and employed by St. Joseph’s Hospital for two years as a utilization review nurse.

Though she has entered the Raffle several times, she was never discouraged by the fact that she did not win.

“I just feel this project is very important to the community. I see such wonderful work at St. Joseph’s, and I know it is a worthwhile cause,” Dodge, 55, said.

She still can’t believe she is the recipient of one of the top vehicle prizes.

“I’m so excited! This could not have happened at a better time. My husband, Rick, had been driving a 1985 Toyota that went out last weekend. We need to purchase a new car, and we were wondering this week how we were going to do that,” she said.

Dodge said she and Rick will consider their options, though her 25-year-old daughter, Lori, would like to keep the Porsche for herself.

“I’m just so grateful for this opportunity,” she said. “I want to tell everyone to purchase Health & Wealth Raffle tickets because you never know when the next big winner could be you!”

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- **Zenna Hall, Tempe, won \$50,000.**

Zenna Hall, 60, and her daughter, Megan, 31, have each entered the Health & Wealth Raffle individually in the past and never won a prize.

“It is a good charity,” Hall said. “The odds of winning a prize are good, and even if you don’t win, you know you’re helping a good cause.”

This time, they decided to split a three-pack of tickets for \$250 and won \$50,000 cash.

On the date of the Final Draw, Hall, a medical records manager, was training an employee at "TOCA," The Orthopedic Clinic Associates. The new employee listened in as Kathy Rice, raffle manager, shared the good news with Hall.

“My husband, Jerry, works in the same office, so I immediately told him. Then I called Megan at work, but the person who answered the phone said she was away from her desk when in fact she was home sick with a sore throat,” Hall said.

Megan, a pharmacy technician at Walgreens Health Care Plus, received word that her mother was trying to reach her and at first thought something was wrong. Hall just had to put one of the family’s oldest dogs to sleep, and Megan was concerned about their other two dogs.

“I called Mom right away and she asked me if I was sitting down. I told her I was lying down. When she told me we had won \$50,000, I immediately started jumping up and down with my two-year-old son, Aidan, beside me. I was screaming, which didn’t help my sore throat, but I didn’t care,” Megan said.

Megan said she and her mother never expected to win. “We know the money goes to a good cause. I was hospitalized several times as a child due to asthma, and when I was very young, I had surgery on my Achilles tendon, and later on my ankle at St. Joseph’s Hospital,” she said.

Zenna said the prize couldn’t have come at a better time. “I’ve been working on several home improvement projects myself, but now I can pay someone to finish them before Thanksgiving,” she said.

Megan also plans to do some home improvements and start a tuition fund for Aidan.

- **D. Hall, Scottsdale, won a 2007 Acura MDX plus \$12,000 cash.**

D. Hall is a pet-sitter in need of a new car.

“I drive a Chrysler Sebring convertible, which is small, and I really need a larger car to transport the pets,” Hall said.

Though she has no personal connection to St. Joseph’s Hospital, Hall has entered the Health & Wealth Raffle in the past because of the cause.

“I just believe that entering the Raffle is good for the hospital, and I always thought that even if I don’t win, the hospital wins,” she said.

Hall’s luck with the Health & Wealth Raffle began four years ago when she entered for the first time. She won a treadmill and a VCR/DVD player. She has entered several times since, but never won.

This time, she purchased a three-pack of tickets for \$250 and won a 2007 Acura MDX plus \$12,000 cash.

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“This is wonderful! I’m so happy for both of us – the hospital and me!” she said.

The native of Michigan has resided in Arizona for 10 years. She is the mother of three sons and two daughters and has five grandchildren. She plans to visit the Acura dealership with her family next week to see the car and consider her options.

- **Richard Minor, Scottsdale, won a 2008 SAAB 9-3 Sport Combi plus \$9,000 cash.**

Supporting St. Joseph’s Hospital and Barrow Neurological Institute through buying a raffle ticket is not out of character for a man who spends most of his time serving others. Richard Minor, 71, spent 30 years in the army and now spends his time volunteering with a youth leadership conference in Thatcher and Military Order of the World Wars, a patriotic service organization.

“I thought I could help, but that I might luck out – and I did,” Minor said.

Minor bought a three-pack of tickets for \$250, but says his wife will get first dibs on the new car. She is excited they will finally be able to replace their 1998 Cadillac. The car has 105,000 miles and a recent addition of blue painter’s tape that holds up a loose parking light.

“You never think it’s going to happen to you, but you always have a little hope in the back of your mind,” Minor said.

Beginning today, ticket holders can access the Health & Wealth Raffle web site www.HealthWealthRaffle.org, and enter their confirmation numbers to see if they have won a prize. All winners will be notified in writing within 10 days. A complete list of winners will also be posted on the Health & Wealth Raffle website today.

The Spring 2008 Health & Wealth Raffle is scheduled to launch on Wednesday, February 6. More information can be found at www.HealthWealthRaffle.org.

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