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Cave Creek and Chandler Residents Each Win New Car, Dream Vacation and Cash in Spring Health & Wealth Raffle Early Bird Draw

*Family Physician and Intel Analyst Win Big -- 10,000+ Prizes Yet to be Awarded
Final Entry Cut-off is Midnight, Wednesday, April 4*

Net Proceeds Benefit St. Joseph's Hospital and Barrow Neurological Institute

What: Two Arizonans won the incredible **Early Bird Prize Packages** as the Spring 2007 Health & Wealth Raffle nears its **Final entry cut-off of midnight, Wednesday, April 4**. The winners of the Early Bird prize packages were drawn on Friday, March 23:

- Cave Creek resident **Dr. Mark Whitaker**, 46, won Early Bird Prize Package #1: A 2007 Cadillac Escalade, plus a seven-night adventure for four to explore the picturesque coasts of Maine, and \$22,000 cash. Prize Package Value: \$99,695.

Whitaker, a family physician, purchased a three-pack of tickets for \$250 because of the cause.

An Arizona resident since early childhood, Whitaker has referred patients to St. Joseph's and Barrow, but has no personal connection to the hospital. His practice has been based in Phoenix for 18 years.

"Everyone knows what an excellent institution Barrow Neurological Institute is," he said.

He has entered past Health & Wealth Raffles, but this is the first time he is a big winner.

"I never expected to win," he said.

While he does not need a new car, he said his daughter is trying to convince him that he does.

He will take some time to decide whether or not he will keep the prize car, but he plans to take the Maine vacation or work with the travel agent to arrange a different dream vacation of equal value.

"My family and I are overdue for a vacation," he said.

- Chandler resident **Lance Patterson**, 37, won Early Bird Prize Package #2: A 2007 Audi TT Coupe, plus a romantic, seven-night trip for two to Bermuda, and \$20,000 cash. Prize Package Value: \$89,000.

Patterson, an Intel information technology business analyst, said he is amazed that he won.

"It really is fantastic and my friends are so excited for me too," he said.

The son of a Navy officer, Patterson was born in Guam and spent much of his childhood living in different parts of the world. He has lived in Arizona for 15 years and is single except for his only "child," a yellow Labrador mix named Aslan. He is currently working towards earning his MBA at Arizona State University.

Patterson purchased a three-pack of tickets for \$250 because the prizes were exciting and he liked the fact that every ticket has a 1-in-18 chance of winning a prize.

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A past supporter of the Health & Wealth Raffle, he won luggage in the first Raffle in 2003.

When asked how it feels to be a big winner, Patterson said, "I don't want this to be about me. It's really about the doctors and the patients at St. Joseph's and Barrow. Before, I just bought tickets to win a prize. Now I have a greater understanding about how much the Raffle impacts our community."

Patterson said he is looking into how he can donate his prize car to his church, Cornerstone Christian Fellowship in Chandler.

"I've been very active in the men's ministries there, but had to take a break due to my demanding schedule. This experience of winning a major prize in the Health & Wealth Raffle makes me want to give back to the community," he said.

He also said it is ironic that part of the prize package includes a trip to Bermuda.

"I'm on sabbatical and will be leaving for a trip around the world in May," he said.

NEXT: There is still a chance to win one of the more than 10,000 prizes in the Spring 2007 Health & Wealth Raffle, but tickets are selling fast. The deadline to purchase tickets for the Final Draw is **midnight, Wednesday, April 4** with the Final Draw set for Thursday, April 12.

The Spring 2007 Health & Wealth Raffle includes four top prizes:

- **Grand Prize #1** is a \$1-million prize package featuring a T.W. Lewis luxury home with a basement in the Finesterra at Valencia community in Chandler plus a 2007 Lexus IS250, and \$200,000 cash. The winner has the option of taking the car and building a home in any T.W. Lewis neighborhood, or the winner can also opt to keep the car and take the cash equivalent of \$1 million.
- **Grand Prize #2** is a T.W. Lewis luxury home in the Alicante at Valencia community in Chandler, plus a 2007 BMW 325 and \$150,000 cash. The winner has the option of taking the car and building a home in any T.W. Lewis neighborhood, or the winner can also opt to keep the car and take the cash equivalent of \$850,000.
- **Grand Prize #3** is a T.W. Lewis luxury home in the Andorra at Valencia community in Chandler, plus a 2007 Ford Edge and \$100,000 cash. The winner has the option of taking the car and building a home in any T.W. Lewis neighborhood, or the winner can also opt to keep the car and take the cash equivalent of \$700,000.
- **Grand Prize #4** is a Marquis Private Jet Card, which provides 25 hours of flight time on one of the NetJets fleet for up to six people and \$50,000 cash. The winner has the option of taking the cash equivalent of \$185,000.

How to Enter:

Tickets are \$100 each, and a limited number of three-packs for \$250 are available. **To enter, visit www.HealthWealthRaffle.org or call toll-free 1-866-390-9034, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.**

The Final Entry cut-off date to purchase a Spring 2007 Health & Wealth Raffle ticket is **midnight, Wednesday, April 4, 2007.**