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Top Prize Winners in Health & Wealth Raffle Include Victim of 2003 Plane Crash at Scottsdale Airpark and Group of Colleagues

Plane crash victim was treated at St. Joseph's Hospital – his wife's last words to him before the ill-fated flight were "Don't forget to purchase a Raffle ticket"

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

PHOENIX – Nov. 20, 2006 – Jerry Stockstill had every intention of purchasing a Health & Wealth Raffle ticket on February 20, 2003 -- the first year of the Health & Wealth Raffle, which benefits St. Joseph's Hospital and its internationally-renowned Barrow Neurological Institute.

His wife, Nancy Valla, a registered nurse, was running late to her teaching position and had seen the ads about the "Early Bird" deadline. As she left, her last words to her husband were, "Don't forget to purchase a Health & Wealth Raffle ticket!"

Stockstill, then a vice president at ING, was a student pilot and heading to Scottsdale Airpark to take one of his last flights before acquiring his license. He figured he would purchase the Raffle ticket after his flight.

But then, something terrible went wrong. The Cessna 172 single-engine plane he was piloting veered off the runway, crossed a taxiway, and slammed into a hangar, damaging the plane's front end and leaving him with multiple leg fractures and other serious injuries. He was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he had several orthopedic surgeries and spent months in intensive rehabilitation.

This fall, for the first time since the tragic accident, Valla entered the Health & Wealth Raffle, purchasing a three-pack of tickets for \$250. She won a 2007 BMW M Roadster Convertible plus \$17,000 cash. The prize package value is more than \$74,000.

"I'm still pinching myself," Valla, 43, said. "After the crash, I was at St. Joseph's day and night, and I saw the posters for the Health & Wealth Raffle in the corridors, and remembered how I had asked him to enter."

Stockstill, 42, said he is indebted to St. Joseph's. "They saved my life. Most people don't survive plane crashes...especially small planes," he said.

Valla and Stockstill reside in Chandler and own Valla Tanning Retreat, also in Chandler. Valla says she plans to give the car to her husband "for all the pain he endured." Stockstill said he is thinking of purchasing a custom license plate for the BMW with the tail numbers of the Cessna 172 so "the plane will still live on."

Many others also won big in the Fall 2006 Health & Wealth Raffle. Names of the four Grand Prize winners were announced today following the Raffle Final Drawing for 11,208 winners conducted by the accounting firm CBIZ Miller Wagner on Thursday, Nov. 16.

The four Grand Prize winners are:

- **N. Sandrock of Queen Creek (requested no interviews)**
Grand Prize #1 is a \$1-million prize package featuring a mountain town home in the Hassayampa Country Club in Prescott, a new Audi Q7 SUV, a full-equity golf membership, plus \$200,000 cash.

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- **David Dudding of Gilbert**

- **Grand Prize # 2, \$500,000 in cash**

- Dudding and his wife, Deanna, had entered the Health & Wealth Raffle every year since it started because they liked the prizes and the cause. Deanna had won a DVD, electronics, and camping gear in previous Raffles.

- “We always felt it was very well-run,” Dudding, a 51-year-old native Arizonan and manager for a construction company, said.

- Sadly, Deanna lost a battle with cancer this past September. Dudding, who purchased a three-pack of tickets for \$250, said he will allocate his winnings towards college tuition for his two daughters.

- **T. Rojas of Scottsdale**

- **Grand Prize # 3, \$250,000 in cash**

- **Dale Kriz of Phoenix**

- **Grand Prize #4** is a 2007 Maserati Quattroporte plus \$35,000 cash. If Kriz keeps the car, he will take delivery of it while enjoying a two-night stay at the Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas. Prize Package Value: more than \$160,000.

- Dale Kriz, 62, and his wife, Terry, were contemplating getting a new car so when Kathy Rice, Raffle manager, called, Kriz said “the timing was perfect!”

- But Rice initially spoke with Terry, who had no idea Kriz entered the Fall 2006 Raffle.

- “Terry was shocked,” Kriz said. “She called me and said, ‘Do you know anyone with the Health & Wealth Raffle? A woman just called claiming you won a big prize.’”

- A native of South Dakota, Kriz has lived in Phoenix since the early 1970s. He currently works as a managing director for a nutritional products company.

- “We feel very blessed,” Kriz said. “We’ve had some financial challenges the past few years trying to put three boys through college, and through faith in the Lord, things were just starting to turn around for us, and now this happens! I’ve never won anything before. It’s a fantastic way to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday!”

- Kriz, who has five children, said his family has always been passionate about helping others. Though he has no personal connection to the hospital, he entered the Raffle “because it was a worthy cause.” He purchased two seven-packs of tickets for \$500 each.

“Congratulations to our Fall 2006 Health & Wealth Raffle winners and special thanks to all those who supported St. Joseph’s and Barrow by buying a ticket. Funds raised by the Fall 2006 Raffle will help us expand and enhance our clinical programs, medical education, and research projects,” said Mary Jane Crist, chief executive officer of St. Joseph’s Foundation and Barrow Neurological Foundation.

Kathy Rice, Raffle manager, agreed. “It is very rewarding to see how much Arizonans support St. Joseph’s and Barrow. I constantly hear from folks who tell me they enter because they believe they are making a difference.”

Several other winners shared their stories:

- **Kirsten Smith, of Mesa, won a 2007 Mercedes S 550, plus \$25,000 cash.**

- Smith, 31, shares her prize with her two male colleagues, Kelly Flores of Queen Creek, and Jon Tobias of Cave Creek. The three loan officers at MTH Mortgage in North Scottsdale chipped in to purchase two seven-packs of tickets for \$500 each.

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Smith, who entered the Raffle twice before and never won, was at work when Kathy Rice, Raffle manager, called. “I was so excited, I literally could not stop shaking,” Smith said. “I didn’t even think about the car – I thought ‘wow - \$25,000 cash!’”

She knew it was Final Draw day and had joked earlier with her two colleagues about how they might split a prize if they won. Flores and Tobias were in the midst of paying for their lunch inside a fast food restaurant when Smith called to share the great news about their prize. She knew they would not believe her, so Smith put them on speaker phone and had her other colleagues convince them she was not joking.

“It would be so nice to keep the car, but we could all benefit from the cash,” Smith explained. “Kelly is a father to two sets of twins and Jon is engaged to be married. My husband, Nick, and I will probably put most of the cash into savings and possibly take a family vacation next year to Hawaii.”

- **James O’Leary, of Tucson, won Trip of Lifetime #2: a 16-day Extreme Australian Outback Adventure plus \$8,000 cash.**

James O’Leary entered the Raffle twice before but never won anything until this fall when he purchased a three-pack of tickets for \$250.

“I feel great!” O’Leary said about his new Trip of Lifetime prize. “My wife and I are not sure if we’ll go to Australia or plan a different dream vacation. It’s very exciting!”

An Ohio native, O’Leary moved to Tucson in 1963 and worked for the University of Arizona as a botany professor for several decades. Now semi-retired, he said he does not typically enter raffles, and he has no personal connection to St. Joseph’s, but entered because he liked the cause.

“I figured if I lost, the hospital still gains,” he said.

Beginning Tuesday, 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 web site on Tuesday.

A Spring 2007 Health & Wealth Raffle is scheduled to launch on Wednesday, January 31, 2007. More information can be found at www.HealthWealthRaffle.org.

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