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Tucson, Phoenix, Gilbert and Joseph City Residents are Health & Wealth Raffle Grand Prize Winners – Each Wins a New Home, Car, and Cash

Other top winners include Scottsdale man who had the “hottest day of his life”; Chandler Porsche winner who needed a car; and Surprise resident and Phoenix Firefighter who is packing his bags to see the world

Fifth consecutive Raffle sell-out generates more than \$6 million for St. Joseph’s Hospital and its Barrow Neurological Institute

PHOENIX – April 24, 2006 – All four Grand Prize winners in the Spring 2006 Health & Wealth Raffle were fantasizing about winning a big prize, but never expected to win. While each had a different reason for entering, the four lucky residents of Tucson, Phoenix, Gilbert, and Joseph City saw the value in purchasing a three-pack of tickets for \$250. Not a bad investment, considering one of the three tickets in each pack wins them a luxury home, a new car and cash, valued between \$425,000 and \$1 million!

Names of the four Grand Prize winners are announced today following the Raffle Final Drawing for 10,498 winners conducted by the accounting firm CBIZ Miller Wagner on Friday, April 21.

“We are so grateful to the thousands of people who show their support for the hospital by entering the Raffle,” said Mary Jane Crist, chief executive officer of St. Joseph’s Foundation and Barrow Neurological Foundation. “This Spring Raffle was the largest yet, generating more than \$6 million that will be allocated to medical education, research, and programs that enhance patient care.”

The four Grand Prize winners are:

- **C. Cawein of Tucson (requested no interviews)**
Grand Prize # 1, A T.W. Lewis luxury home in the West Valley community of Estrella Mountain Ranch, plus a 2006 BMW 750Li and \$100,000 cash. Prize package value: more than \$1 million.
- **Terry Garber of Phoenix**
Grand Prize #2 – A T.W. Lewis luxury home in the North Phoenix community of Sonoran Foothills, plus a 2006 Cadillac DTS and \$75,000 cash. Prize package value: more than \$800,000.

“It’s wonderful and amazing. I’m walking on a cloud! And, I’m still shaking,” said Terry Garber just hours after learning that he won Grand Prize #2 in the Health & Wealth Raffle. An Arizona resident since 1976, Garber is a real estate investor who owns an antique business and a restaurant in Idaho. He purchased one three-pack of tickets for \$250 because his children were born at St. Joseph’s Hospital and the “prizes were pretty neat.” He has participated in past Health & Wealth Raffles and once won a weather station. Garber turns 50 on April 27th and thinks the Grand Prize is a great early birthday present. He and his wife, Peggy, will tour the T.W. Lewis model of their prize home in the Sonoran Foothills community, but he said they will carefully consider their options. “We’re thinking of taking the cash equivalent for the house to pay for college tuition and pay off some bills,” he said. “But we may keep the Cadillac. One of my daughters is getting ready to drive and my wife’s Expedition is getting old.”

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- **Brenda Dodge of Gilbert**

Grand Prize #3 – A luxury golf villa home built by the Canavest Group in the Prescott Lakes Golf and Country Club community, plus a 2006 BMW 530xi and \$50,000 cash. Prize package value: more than \$500,000.

Brenda Dodge celebrated her 55th birthday yesterday, just two days after learning that she won Grand Prize #3 in the Health & Wealth Raffle. When she received the news on Friday from Raffle manager Kathy Rice, she was babysitting her nine-month-old grandniece. She walked around the house holding the baby and singing, “Happy Birthday to me!” until she could share her good news with another adult.

It took some time, but she finally got through to her husband Dan, who is on the Board of Directors of Gilbert Leadership and was attending a meeting. Dan has been serving Gilbert for many years as a planning commissioner and a zoning hearing officer.

“When I got home, Brenda was jumping up and down. I’ve never seen her so excited,” Dan said of his lucky wife.

Brenda purchased one three-pack of tickets for \$250. She said she and Dan never expected to win, but wanted to show their support for St. Joseph’s Hospital and Barrow. The couple sought treatment at Barrow some 20 years ago for their physically-challenged son, Jeff, who is now 22.

“We went through many tests with Jeff, and our doctor was wonderful,” Brenda said. “Though Jeff was two years old, the Barrow physician said he probably had a stroke at six months.”

The couple may take a ride to Prescott to view the model of their prize home, but Dan said they will probably take the cash equivalent. “We’ll save it for our retirement,” he said. They will also make a decision soon about whether or not to keep the BMW, but Dan chimed in: “I just bought a new car two weeks ago!”

- **Julie Cochran of Joseph City (near Holbrook)**

Grand Prize #4 – A luxury golf villa home built by the Canavest Group in the Prescott Lakes Golf and Country Club community, plus a 2006 VW Toureg and \$50,000 cash. Prize package value: more than \$425,000.

Julie Cochran, 35, participated in the Health & Wealth Raffle once prior to the Spring 2006 Raffle but never won a prize. “I figured even if we lost, it was for a good cause,” she said. This time, she purchased a three-pack of tickets for \$250 and won Grand Prize #4. “It doesn’t seem real,” the long-time Arizona resident said. She and her husband, John, said that while they like Prescott, they are seriously considering taking the cash equivalent for the home. “We would pay off some bills and take a great vacation with our five girls,” she said. Cochran has four girls ranging in age from 1 ½-years-old to 13-years-old. She also is a guardian for her 16-year-old niece. Cochran gave birth to her youngest daughter at St. Joseph’s Hospital and said it was a great experience.

According to Raffle rules, CBIZ Miller Wagner verified all winners and spent the weekend cross-checking ticket numbers with entry forms and checking spelling of names. Kathy Rice, the manager of the Health & Wealth Raffle, then spent the weekend trying to notify the top winners.

“It is very rewarding to call the winners and listen to their stories,” Rice said. “This weekend was full of emotion. Some winners shed tears of joy, others couldn’t stop screaming, and then some winners were at a loss for words.”

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Several other winners shared their stories:

- **Kurt Seger, 43, of Scottsdale won a 2006 Jaguar X-Type plus \$9,000 cash.**
“It was the hottest day of my life,” Kurt Seger said of his winning streak on Friday, April 21. The owner of a manufacturing firm started his day in small claims court in Las Vegas. He won the case and tried to get an earlier flight home, but all flights were full. He headed to Caesar’s Palace where he won \$650 playing blackjack. His winning streak followed him back to the airport. While waiting for his flight, he played a slot machine near his gate and won several hundred dollars. As he walked onto his airplane back to Phoenix, his cell phone rang. Kathy Rice, Raffle manager, was calling to tell him he won a Jaguar plus cash. “For a brief moment, I thought about getting off the plane and going back to the casino,” Seger jokes. “It was a real lucky day!” While Seger does not have a personal connection to St. Joseph’s, he said he has participated in past Health & Wealth Raffles because of the great prizes and because of the cause. He has participated in four Raffles prior to this Spring and won two radios in two different Raffles.
- **Edward Meyers, 58, of Mesa won a 2006 Mercedes SLK 280 plus \$14,000 cash.**
Edward Meyers said his luck has changed. He was unemployed for nine months until landing a job in customer service with an air conditioning company three weeks ago. Then he got the news on Friday that he won a new Mercedes plus cash in the Health & Wealth Raffle. It’s the perfect prize for the car enthusiast who owns a 1966 Chevelle and likes to work on cars in his spare time. Meyers was treated several times at St. Joseph’s Hospital for kidney stones and his positive experience at the hospital is one reason he has participated in every Raffle since it started. He won a stereo in the first Raffle, and while he loves the idea of keeping the car, he said he will probably sell it back to the dealership and use the cash for a down payment on a house and paying some bills. Meyers has a daughter at Arizona State University and a 15-year-old son. He said he loves the Raffle’s great odds and plans on entering again.
- **Kurt Henkel, 45, of Surprise won the “Around the World in 24 Days” trip plus \$11,000 cash.**
Kurt Henkel and his wife, Rebecca, always dreamed of seeing the world. But as a Phoenix firefighter with a 3-year-old daughter and a 3-month-old son, Henkel could not imagine how he and his wife could afford to travel. Then he got the call Friday that he won the “Around the World in 24 Days” trip for two plus \$11,000 cash in the Health & Wealth Raffle. “I’m really excited and Rebecca is jumping up and down,” Henkel said shortly after learning of his prize. Henkel purchased a three-pack of tickets for \$250 because he wanted to show his support for the hospital. “I’m a rover for the Phoenix Fire Department and I’ve taken a lot of patients to St. Joseph’s, so I know they are a good hospital,” he said. He also had back surgery at Barrow Neurological Institute seven years ago. “I had ruptured a disc moving a patient. The pain was so bad, I couldn’t walk and I began losing function of my foot. The surgery was successful and I had a positive experience there,” he said. Henkel has participated in the Raffle four times prior to the Spring 2006 Raffle. “We have been lucky. We won an MP3 player once and a Sony CD player another time,” he 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 be posted on the Health & Wealth Raffle web site by Friday, April 28.

The Spring 2006 Raffle sell-out marks the fifth time that the Health & Wealth Raffle has sold out before its final deadline. The spring version of the Arizona-based Raffle sold a total of 183,000 tickets in 10 weeks and generated net proceeds of more than \$6 million to support St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center and Barrow Neurological Institute.

A Fall 2006 Health & Wealth Raffle is scheduled to launch after Labor Day. More information can be found at www.HealthWealthRaffle.org.