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## **Tucson Medical Center Announce Winners in Raffle Appreciation Phase** *TMC Mega Raffle awards first 12 prizes*

TUCSON, ARIZ. - (Feb. 13, 2014) – Southern Ariz. won in more ways than one on Wednesday, Feb. 12. The TMC Mega Raffle revealed its 12 winners in the first of three prize drawings for more than 2,800 prizes. In its second raffle, the Appreciation phase provided last year’s ticket buyers, TMC supporters, associates of TMC and their friends and family the opportunity to buy tickets early. Those who purchased tickets became eligible for the initial Appreciation drawing that included 12 additional prizes.

“The Appreciation drawing is an extra bonus and a thank you to those who support the hospital in a variety of ways,” explained Kathy Rice, TMC Mega Raffle executive director. “Now in year two, we are seeing more and more people wanting to show their support and take advantage of the great odds of winning.”

This year’s first raffle winners all hail from areas in southern Ariz. including Sahuarita, Sierra Vista, Oro Valley and Tucson. While most purchased tickets in last year’s raffle, it was the first time they won a prize.

Helga Kivisto, a retired math teacher, small business owner and resident of Sahuarita since 1999, was excited to learn she was the top winner of a 2014 Toyota Camry Hybrid XLE and \$10,000, a prize package valued at \$40,000.

Kivisto said, “I purchased a ticket because I thought the odds were so good and I liked that it would help the hospital.” Kivisto’s late husband received care at TMC.

Arnold Hiser of Sierra Vista won the diamond bracelet, which he plans to give to his wife.

“You always dream of winning,” he said. “I didn’t tell my wife I purchased a three-pack of tickets, but she is going to be glad I did.”

Albert Holland, a retired military veteran and resident of Tucson since 1970, has been a patient at TMC a number of times over the years. Holland won a 2-night getaway to the Hyatt Regency golf resort in Indian Wells, Calif., which includes a \$600 certificate for resort activities.

Holland said, “My wife and I will be celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary this year and we have never been to Indian Wells. I was glad to support TMC, and this will be nice for us.”

The remaining prizes awarded to Tucson ticket holders include:

- An Ebel Brasilla watch with diamonds
- Tickets to the Accenture Golf Tournament
- A 2-night stay at the Enchantment Resort in Sedona and a Pink Jeep excursion
- A 2-night getaway to the Grand Canyon and tickets on the Grand Canyon Railway
- 2 VIP Tickets to three Broadway shows in Tucson
- Two Giclee paintings by Arizona artist, Charles H. Pabst
- Two sets of tickets to Tucson’s Symphony series

All raffle ticket holders and winners will be reentered into the Early Bird draw, which will take place March 19 and the Final draw on April 9.

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### **Grand Prizes**

Two top winners will be drawn on April 9, 2014 to receive:

Grand Prize #1: A.F. Sterling Home located in any one of four beautiful Tucson communities including design features and upgrades of choice, a 2014 Hyundai Equus Signature, plus - a prize package with a total value of more than \$700,000 (winner may also opt to take the car and \$655,000 cash instead of the home).

Grand Prize #2: Top secret prize to be revealed.

### **Early Bird Prizes**

Raffle participants who purchase their tickets by midnight March 13, 2014, will be eligible to win an Early Bird prize:

Early Bird Prize #1: His and Hers 2014 Chevrolets, plus \$20,000

Early Bird Prize #2: Seven-night Mediterranean cruise for two, plus a 2014 Fiat 500L and \$10,000.

Early Bird winners will be drawn March 19, 2014.

### **Important Raffle Dates**

Midnight Thursday, March 13 -Early Bird Cut Off

Friday, March 19 -Early Bird Prize Drawing

Midnight Thursday, April 3 -Final Cut Off

Monday, April 9 -Final Drawing

### **About Tucson Medical Center Mega Raffle**

Tucson Medical Center Mega Raffle is the first ever large-scale raffle focused in Southern Arizona. Net proceeds from the raffle will benefit Tucson Medical Center and its commitment to providing the highest standard of patient care to Southern Arizonans. Spring 2014 raffle participants have a one in 20 chance of winning the 2,800 featured prizes. To learn more about the TMC Mega Raffle or to purchase tickets, visit [www.TMCMegaraffle.org](http://www.TMCMegaraffle.org) or call (800) 395-8805.

### **About Tucson Medical Center**

Tucson Medical Center's mission is to deliver caring, personalized, quality healthcare to patients and their families in an environment that is supportive, education-focused and compassionate. TMC is licensed for 629 adult, pediatric and behavioral health beds. The hospital serves more than 30,000 inpatients and 122,000 outpatients yearly and has several emphasis areas, including maternal and child health, cardiac care, hospice care, neuroscience, orthopedics, diagnostic services, behavioral health and senior services. TMC also created the region's first emergency department dedicated specifically for kids. For more information visit [www.tmc.az.com](http://www.tmc.az.com).

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