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## And the Winners of the 12th Annual Pickering Manor Car Raffle Are…

NEWTOWN, PA – It was a picture-perfect spring evening on Friday, April 25th, as Pickering Manor hosted its 12th Annual Car Raffle, drawing a cheerful crowd and selling nearly 600 tickets to support its non-profit mission. Guests enjoyed a vibrant cocktail reception filled with delicious food, flowing drinks, and a buzz of excitement leading up to the drawing.

The evening began with a warm welcome from David Woodhead, CEO of Pickering Manor, who shared updates on expanding programs and thanked the crowd for their steadfast support. "This event is one of the most joyful celebrations we host all year," Woodhead said. "Every ticket sold directly impacts the lives of the residents we serve."

The highlight of the night came when Pickering Manor resident Larry Briesky took center stage to give the raffle drum a good spin before drawing the two winning tickets. A devoted Phillies fan and long-time Pickering resident who once lived in the Pickering Cottages and now calls Personal Care home, Larry perfectly embodies the full continuum of care the community offers. "We couldn't think of anyone better to help us make someone's night," Woodhead added with a smile.

The grand prize winner, drawn first, was Mary Augustine of Warrington, a Nurse Case Manager at St. Mary's Medical Center—and a first-time participant. Mary wasn't present at the event, but she received the surprise of a lifetime when a co-worker called to share the news.

"I was in total shock," Mary said. "I had just gotten home from work and had no idea I'd won until she called. I quickly tuned in to watch the livestream and couldn't believe it."

Mary chose the $25,000 cash prize, which she plans to put toward a new car. "Honestly, I saw the ticket as part of my annual charitable giving," she explained. "It felt like a win either way—whether I won or not, the money was going to a nonprofit doing good work."

Mary also shared how, through her work at St. Mary's, she's come to know several Pickering Manor residents over the years. "Every single one of them speaks so highly of Pickering," she said. "They love it there, and now I understand why."

Second place went to Stephanie Garrity of Holland, who won a $1,000 Visa gift card. A three-time raffle supporter, Stephanie wasn't able to attend the event in person but watched the excitement unfold via livestream.

Pickering Manor extends sincere thanks to all ticket holders and this year's event sponsors: First National Bank & Trust Company of Newtown, Peruzzi Auto Group and Serenity Hospice. And a special thank you to Sparkle Car Wash!

"This annual raffle is more than just a fundraiser," Woodhead said. "It's a celebration of community, generosity, and the compassionate spirit that defines Pickering Manor."

For more information about Pickering Manor or ways to support future events, visit www.pickeringmanor.org or contact Maureen Kuhar, Director of Development, at 215.968.3878 or mkuhar@pickeringmanor.org.



*Pickering Manor resident Larry Briesky, Nursing Home Administrator Terry Ziegler, and CEO David Woodhead pose with one of the featured raffle cars during the event. The winner was not present at the time of the photo.*