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SAN DIEGO DREAM HOUSE RAFFLE AWARDS FIRST EARLY BIRD PRIZE

Multimillion-Dollar Home and More Than 1,700 Other Prizes Still Available

SAN DIEGO - Feb. 22, 2017 – One lucky San Diego Dream House Raffle ticket holder just won a 2017 Tesla Model S or \$50,000 in a special early bird drawing, the first of more than 1,700 opportunities to win in this annual fundraising raffle benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities® of San Diego.

Gillian Klein of Toms River, New Jersey was randomly selected to win the luxury vehicle or a cash option of \$50,000, and is still eligible for the raffle's grand prize. The San Diego Dream House Raffle offers a 1-in-44 chance to win a prize, including the grand prize multimillion-dollar home or up to \$2.1 million cash. Early bird drawings, a multi-ticket drawing and the grand prize drawing offer a multitude of chances to win.

New to the Dream House Raffle this year, ticket purchasers will have the opportunity to buy an "add-on ticket" for the chance to win a weekly prize of \$10,000. The first add-on drawing was held this week, and Gisela Riojas of San Diego won the \$10,000 prize. There are 11 remaining weekly add-on drawings that will take place each Wednesday. The deadline to be entered into the weekly drawings is the Friday prior.

"Every ticket sold gives people the opportunity to win an exciting prize, but more importantly, also helps San Diego's Ronald McDonald House provide a range of services for families with a critically ill or injured child in a local hospital," said Chuck

Day, president and CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego. “Funds raised through the Dream House Raffle help strengthen families and bolster their psychological well-being during difficult times by keeping family close together regardless of their situation or ability to pay.”

The second early bird drawing will be held March 22 and will award one raffle ticket holder with his or her choice of a 2017 Fiat 124 Spider Classica or \$20,000 in cash. The deadline for the second early bird drawing is March 10.

Raffle tickets cost \$150 and are also available in discounted multi-ticket packs. Ticket information, rules and a full list of prizes can be found at SDRaffle.com. Tickets can be purchased via phone at 888-824-9939.

About Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego

Founded in 1980, Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego provides a “home away from home,” which keeps families close to one another and the care they need while their child is being treated for serious, often life-threatening conditions at local hospitals. San Diego’s Ronald McDonald House was specifically designed to provide the necessities of home – including 47 bedrooms, a kitchen and a children’s play area – to help strengthen families and bolster their psychological well-being during difficult times regardless of their situation or ability to pay. The Ronald McDonald House creates an emotional and physical sanctuary for nearly 15,000 family members each year. To learn more, visit rmhcsd.org.

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