



MEDIA RELEASE

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The Ace Has Been Caught!

What a week for Lyle Beckstead! One minute he's out picking tomatoes from his garden. The next minute, he has \$890,896 in his bank account!

"I just couldn't believe. I still can't believe it, out of all those tickets," said Lyle. "I guess it's just like a normal day, only richer."

Lyle's lucky envelope #13 was picked during the live Kin Club of Russell Catch the Ace Lottery draw on August 18th. And that envelope revealed the Ace of Spades, bringing an end to another successful lottery by this committed service club.

"The palm of my hand started to itch right at 3:15 when the draw was taking place," smiled Lyle. "Then my son told me I had won and I called the Kin Club right back. It's just a miracle. I'm very happy I won and it's good that the money will support some good causes, including local health care. We all need it."

"We are so grateful to the Kin Club of Russell for leading this lottery and for choosing the WDMH Foundation as one of the beneficiaries," noted Campaign Assistant Cindy Ault Peters. Funds raised will be directed to the WDMH Foundation's Health Care Undesignated Fund to support Winchester District Memorial Hospital and Dundas Manor Long-Term Care Home – wherever the need is greater.

Cindy also thanked everyone who purchased lottery tickets: "We can't thank you enough. Many of you have been in the race since the very first draw, helping to grow the jackpot to an unbelievable amount. Lyle is the big winner, but we are all winners by supporting health care close to home. Thank you!"

To chat about fundraising events for WDMH, please contact Justine Plummer at 613-774-2422 ext. 6172 or jplummer@wdmh.on.ca. To chat about fundraising events for Dundas Manor, please contact Cindy Ault Peters at 343-572-6345 or cpeters@wdmh.on.ca. For more details about the Dundas Manor campaign, please visit www.dundasmanordream.ca or contact the WDMH Foundation team at 613-774-2422 ext. 6162 or 6169.

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