

Local Non-Profit Organizations Benefit from the Net Proceeds of the Club's Community Raffle

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Freedom's Door, Hope Outreach and The Bridge Youth Recovery House will each receive one-third of the net proceeds from the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise 2022 Community Raffle.

Freedom's Door Kelowna is a non-profit addiction recovery home for men dedicated to helping men find freedom from addiction in a safe and secure environment.

Hope Outreach exists to support women who may experience vulnerability on a journey to realizing their potential of living a safe and healthy life.

The Bridge Youth Recovery House is a voluntary live-in program for young people aged 12 to 18 who are experiencing problematic substance use.

The Raffle which commenced on May 01, 2022, with five prizes totalling a value of \$9150, concluded on August 31st, 2022 with the draw being made at White's Barbeque & Fireplace in Kelowna. The winners of the prizes have been identified in an article previous to this one.

While 10,000 tickets were up for sale, only 7571 were actually sold during this period of time, resulting in gross profit of \$37,855. With few expenses, the three non-profits will each receive a windfall.

The first prize winner, Tom Smithwick from Kelowna, was presented with \$5200 worth of gift cards, donated to the Raffle by Save-on-Foods, on September 02nd.



L to R: Ken Ottoson, Coordinator for the Raffle, Winner Tom Smithwick, and Randall Bamford, President of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise and Save-on-Foods Representative

The 2022 Raffle, coordinated by club member Ken Ottoson, which he has done so for the past two years, is one of two of the club's major fundraisers where the net profits are returned right back into the community.



The members of the club express their appreciation to Ken who provided exceptional leadership in this fundraising endeavour, spending countless hours in the organization of the Raffle, in establishing sales venues throughout the Central Okanagan, in directing the Raffle draw, and often taking it upon himself to participate in the sales at these venues. It is Ken's dedication and commitment to this fundraising event that has enabled our non-profit organizations to better serve their clients.