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News Release

Get really excited for 2019! St. Boniface Hospital's Mega Million Choices Lottery is back with 7 Grand Prize Choices

Say 'Yes' to St. Boniface Hospital

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Wednesday, January 16, 2019 (WINNIPEG, MB) – St. Boniface Hospital Foundation announced today that the Mega Million Choices Lottery has launched for 2019 – and it's back and better than ever.

Tickets are now on sale and all funds raised go to support and pay for vital life-saving initiatives and programs at St. Boniface Hospital.

"The lottery is a tremendous opportunity for the entire community to support St. Boniface Hospital and Research Centre," said Vince Barletta, President and CEO of St. Boniface Hospital Foundation. "Supporting the Mega Million Lottery helps to ensure that St. B and its leading-edge patient care will be there for your family when you need it the most."

This year's biggest winner will choose 1 of 7 incredible Grand Prize options, featuring homes in Winnipeg and Headingley and homes in B.C.'s Okanagan, or \$1.1 million tax-free cash:

• Win Foxridge's luxurious new home in Bridgwater Trails, or your choice of a Hearth Homes bungalow in Taylor Farm or in Sage Creek (Winnipeg), or one of the side-by-side Signature Homes – live in one, rent out the other and have 'Income for Life'. Or choose a gorgeous home in West Kelowna or a condo in Osoyoos – plus it comes with one of the Signature Homes side-by-side in Winnipeg. Or take the cash – it's everyone's favourite prize. Become a millionaire instantly and design your own Grand Prize with your new riches.

Each Grand Prize home package comes with tons of cash – up to \$400,000 – and once again, there is a cash option on every single lottery prize. (You can see all of this year's prizes, Grand Prizes and homes on stbmegamillionchoices.ca)

"This is the most exciting lottery program we've ever had," said Barletta. "7 Grand Prize choices, including beautiful dream homes here, in Manitoba, vacation property in B.C. along with cars, boats, and other toys. If none of those suit your fancy, you can always take \$1.1 million cash. There's something for everybody in this year's Mega Million Choices Lottery."

There's more of everything this year: Over 3,700 prizes to win – worth over \$2.3 million, plus the extra 50/50 PLUS (can grow up to \$2 million) and the Big Score PLUS is back

with more winners than ever. You can also buy early to win more with this year's Loyalty Bonus and Ultimate Bonus prizes, plus 101 Early Bird draws and \$225,000 in Early Bird prizes.

Most important of all, it's for a great cause. Your lottery ticket purchase helps save lives at St. Boniface Hospital – and right here in Manitoba.

Barletta said lottery proceeds are instrumental in funding the areas of greatest need, and all lottery proceeds directly help the hospital's Cardiac Care, Palliative Care, and NICU.

"It's absolutely critical," he said. "Every family in Manitoba benefits from the care here at St. Boniface Hospital, and the money raised is critical to ensure that patient care stays world class."

With your help, the Hospital is able to provide its patients with the highest quality of care during the toughest of times. When you 'Say Yes' to St. B, you are investing in promoting women's heart health research, and helping Hospital patients from labour and delivery, to palliative care. When you support the lottery, you are helping purchase the latest technology and high-quality medical equipment and improving mental health programs and care.

You make the difference. Thank you.

It's easy to get your Mega Million Choices Lottery tickets! Order online at stbmegamillionchoices.ca, or by phone at 204-256-7203. Tickets are also available in-person at London Drugs, Red River Co-op Food stores, select Shoppers Drug Mart stores and at St. Boniface Hospital.

Tickets are 1 for \$100, 2 for \$175, 4 for \$300, and 8 for \$500. 50/50 PLUS and Big Score PLUS tickets start at 2 for \$20.

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