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## Winner to be chosen soon for annual car raffle

Ticket sales makes a huge difference in the lives of local seniors

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BREVARD COUNTY — Don't miss your chance to pick up tickets for the 7th annual Helping Seniors Car Raffle. There's still time left, and that ticket could grant you a brand-new car from Boniface-Hiers Automotive Group.

One week before Helping Seniors of Brevard hosts its biggest fundraiser of the year, the nonprofit will be inviting the public to celebrate the grand opening of its Helping Seniors Resource Center.

Doors will be open from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 1344 S. Apollo Blvd., Suite 2-C, Melbourne.

Then, from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, the Helping Seniors Car Raffle will take place at the American Muscle Car Museum, 3500 Sarno Rd., Melbourne.

The only way you can get into this exciting event is by purchasing a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets are available for one at \$25 or five at \$100.

The grand opening of the Helping Seniors Resource Center is the public's chance to better learn how Helping Seniors of Brevard serves the community, as well as connect with some of the local organizations that have partnered with the agency.

It will also be an opportunity to check out the five cars being raffled off the next weekend at the American Muscle Car Museum, a museum exclusively opened just for charity events.

"We're very excited to be hosting another year of the Helping Seniors Car

Raffle," said Kerry Fink, executive director of Helping Seniors of Brevard. "It's a real blessing that Mark Pieloch let's us come back each year. He's been a true supporter of our mission."

Helping Seniors of Brevard aims to improve the lives of aging county residents by providing an information hotline and now a resource center. Experts in senior living can offer referrals, provide resources, and help seniors navigate through any confusing situations like Medicare, housing issues, or even transportation.

Proceeds raised by the car raffle goes directly back into the community, as the nonprofit continues to serve residents.

Last year, Fink said the hotline received 5,400 calls, resulting in the nonprofit bringing in an additional part-time employee to assist with the calls.

The main topics of concern have been regarding new residents moving to Florida and not sure where to go for help, in addition to issues with senior housing.

Thanks to the generosity of Boniface-Hiers, the grand prize winner will get to choose from a 2023 Dodge Challenger, 2023 Chevrolet Camaro, 2023 Kia Sportage, 2023 Mazda Miata, or a 2023 Mitsubishi Outlander as their car to take home.

The grand drawing will take place around 7:45 p.m., and raffle tickets will continue to be sold at the event until 7:30 p.m. Online ticket sales will close earlier in the day.

The winner need not be present to



**The 2023 Dodge Challenger**



**The 2023 Chevrolet Camaro**

**2023 Dodge v Chevy Challenge.**  
The Final Showdown

**The 7th Annual Helping Seniors Car Raffle**

You choose the winning car! Dodge v Chevy - or pick a Kia Sportage, Mazda Miata, or Mitsubishi Outlander.



**The 2023 Kia Sportage**



**The 2023 Mazda Miata**



**The 2023 Mitsubishi Outlander**

Helping Seniors of Brevard/For Hometown News

The five cars that are up for grabs for the 2023 Helping Seniors Car Raffle, courtesy of Boniface-Hiers Automotive Group.

win, but it sure is exciting when they're at the event.

"Last year, the winner was there," Fink said. "It was funny because Mark was reading the numbers, and each time he'd get to a number that wasn't anyone's ticket, you'd hear part of the audience go 'ooooo' because they realized they're out of the drawing."

"Finally, you heard this commotion at one corner of the room," he continued, "and when we looked over there, we saw

all these people standing around Gail going, 'That's you!' She was shell shocked. She came running up to the stage to confirm her ticket and once Mark asked what car she wanted, without hesitation, she said, 'I want the Camaro!'"

To purchase your raffle ticket, go online at [helpingseniorsofbrevard.org](http://helpingseniorsofbrevard.org) or call (321) 473-7770. Tickets can also be purchased at all Boniface-Hiers dealerships.

Dodge v Chevy  
or something else?



**The 7th Annual  
Helping Seniors Car Raffle.**

6p-9p Sat Oct 7th  
at the American Muscle Car Museum