



Catherine's House

A Sisters of Mercy Ministry providing Transitional Housing for Homeless Women and Children

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RAFFLE WINNER FINDS DIVINE SIGN

Joanie, an 8-year-old Catherine's House resident, pulled the winning ticket on Tuesday, October 16. Belmont Councilman Charlie Martin announced the winner: Mr. Walt Burnell.

Mr. Burnell purchased a book of car raffle tickets at St. Benedict The Moor Parish in Winston Salem to support the annual Catherine's House fundraiser. Mr. Burnell is a devout member of his church and the Knights of Columbus. When asked why he purchased tickets, he answered, "My wife and I are very passionate about our religion. We try to support everything our church does."

Upon arriving at Montgomery Mazda, Mr. Burnell sat in his new car and opened the center console. He was shocked and amazed to find a silver cross inside. Mr. Burnell carries a silver cross in his pocket everyday and has for many years. The two crosses were exactly identical. No one at the dealership knew where the cross came from or how it got inside the brand new car. Perhaps the car was meant for Mr. Burnell who plans to replace his older vehicle with the new Mazda.

Proceeds from the car raffle benefit Catherine's House, a transitional housing facility and program for women and children who would otherwise be homeless. The car raffle proceeds comprise one fourth of the operating budget which enables Catherine's House to assist residents in creating individualized plans for gaining employment, securing housing, and improving their mental health and decision making skills. For donor and volunteer opportunities, please visit our website, www.catherineshouseinc.org, or contact Jacki McCarthy at 704-825-9599 or jackimccarthy@catherineshouseinc.org.

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