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### **Raffle Making Area High Schools Safer**

**Indianapolis**—By helping make Indiana high schools safer one lucky winner will receive a two-year lease on a 2011 Ford Fusion courtesy of Pearson Ford. **A limited number of \$30.00 raffle tickets for the 2011 Ford Fusion Lease (1500 tickets) are currently being sold to support The Reviving Heart Program.** This program places automated external defibrillators (AED) into local area Indiana high schools making schools safer for everyone who walks through the door.

To date, The Reviving Hearts Program has placed 35 AEDs in area high schools. In 2009, two Indiana high school students suffered Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) at school and their lives were saved by AEDs placed by The Reviving Hearts Program. SCA is the leading cause of death in the US with a death occurring every two minutes or over 650 SCA-related deaths each day. SCA occurs abruptly and without warning and in people without any prior indications of heart disease. To have a chance of surviving, victims of SCA must receive a life-saving defibrillation within the first 4-6 minutes when brain damage and death starts to occur. AEDs can increase the survival rate for SCA up to 90% by delivering a shock within the first few minutes of an attack.

The drawing for the 2011 Ford Fusion provided by Pearson Ford will be held at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual William K. Nasser MD Dining A La Heart Fundraiser at the Ritz Charles, Carmel, Indiana. The winner need not be present to win and will be notified by phone and posted at [www.TheCareGroup.com](http://www.TheCareGroup.com)

The winner of the car lease raffle will receive a two-year lease on a 2011 Ford Fusion. This lease includes payment + taxes on the 2011 Ford Fusion for a two-year period of time. Winner is responsible for insurance, license plates and maintenance over the two-year period. Car must be accepted March 1 – April 1, 2011. Winner may chose to upgrade car through Pearson Ford for an additional monthly payment. There is no cash prize awarded for this raffle.

The Cardiovascular Research and Education Fund is administered by the St.Vincent Foundation.

**Tickets can be purchased by calling Margie Fougeron at (317) -338-6080 or by email at [MFougero@thecaregroup.com](mailto:MFougero@thecaregroup.com) or Rita DeKlyen at (317) 459-7593 or by e-mail at [RitaDeKlyen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RitaDeKlyen@sbcglobal.net). Visa/MasterCard/American Express/Discover, checks (payable to St.Vincent Foundation) or cash is accepted.**

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