

# Sedona Miracle 2007

*A Celebration of Philanthropy!*



## **Winner of 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1000 Miracle Bonus Raffle Donates It Back Employer, Microsoft, to Match!**

Tim Macklin is the winner of the second \$1000 bonus raffle for the Sedona Miracle 2007 fundraiser. Hailing from Birmingham, Alabama the Microsoft sales executive has decided to give his winnings in support of this year's Miracle. He is directing a portion of the \$1000 to a golf foursome with Co-Chair Jim Rappaport as part of the weekend fundraiser at Oakcreek Country Club, September 15,16. The rest will go directly to the Verde Valley Sanctuary, one of the main beneficiaries and an organization he supports. The double bonus is that Maklin's employer, Microsoft, will be matching the donation!

The power of a phone call asking to support the Miracle fundraiser from good friend, psychologist and professional coach, Geri Whaley resulted in Macklin buying over 250 golf ball chances at \$25 a chance. Macklin and Sedona resident Geri Whaley have been great friends for close to 10 years. For the past several years Maklin has visited Sedona at the beginning of the year to attend *New You for a New Year*, a powerful seminar, according to him, that focuses on goals and intentions and has produced very positive results in his life.

"Geri has had a profound impact on my life. Knowing and working with her has been a very successful process for me. I have a better relationship with my wife and family thanks to Geri," said Maklin. It was Geri's commitment with the Verde Valley Sanctuary that resulted in Maklin becoming a donor there too. "The genesis of getting involved with the Sedona Miracle was through my interest in helping the sanctuary, and the ball drop just sounded like a great event and a lot of fun."

The Sedona Miracle 2007, *A Celebration of Philanthropy* fundraising weekend kicks off Saturday, September 15th at 3:00 PM. Until then

every golf ball chance purchased for \$25 will help keep kids drug-free and safe after school, will help a mother and her kids get a second chance after an abusive situation. Over 20 charities and nonprofits are participating in the Miracle fundraiser this year. "It starts wanting to help folks and buying one, five, ten or more golf chances," says Co-Chair Rappaport. "The prizes are fantastic and right now the odds are unbelievable. We really hope everyone can get behind this and buy some balls. We're pushing hard in the last couple of weeks to make this a huge success."

By going to [www.SedonaMiracle.org](http://www.SedonaMiracle.org) visitors can buy raffle chances for a hot new Harley Davidson, two Toyota hybrids, week-long stays at Sedona's best resorts, review auction items for the live and silent auction, see the event schedule and more. To purchase raffle chances by phone call (928) 282-5057. The public is warmly invited to attend all the festivities all weekend long.

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