

## Lottery Alert – June 2009

Dear London, Ontario hospital supporters,

Someone is using lottery logos lifted from our Dream Lottery website and claiming to represent the Dream Lottery for an “International Promotions Program.” This new activity appears to be similar to an Internet-based scheme that used London Health Sciences Foundation’s Millionaire Lottery branding last year.

Please be aware hospitals located in London, Ontario, Canada DO NOT conduct international lotteries and Dream Lottery has NOT agreed to their name or brand being used in connection with any international lottery.

**This does not affect those who have purchased Dream Lottery tickets from authorized locations. Legitimate Dream Lottery tickets purchased from authorized locations are safe.**

This time, random letters containing bank checks have been received by people in the USA. The letters claim to use databases from various well-known publishers’ sweepstakes to determine winners. People are asked to call a number and reveal private financial information in order to claim their prize and “activate” their check. **If you have received one of these letters, please do not reveal your financial or banking as the senders may be trying to gain access to your bank or credit accounts!**

For further information on international lottery scams and other similar activities, we offer the following links:

[http://www.rcmp.ca/scams/prize\\_pitch\\_e.htm](http://www.rcmp.ca/scams/prize_pitch_e.htm)

<http://www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/lottery.asp>

<http://scambriefe.blogspot.com/2007/10/your-email-address-won-this-promotion.html>

### **Information about the Dream Lottery supporting hospitals in London, Ontario, CANADA.**

Dream Lottery is a legal lottery held in the spring of each year to support hospitals located in London, Ontario, Canada (St Joseph’s Health Care London, Children’s Hospital, and London Health Sciences Centre). The Ontario provincial government strictly regulates this lottery. Dream Lottery is licensed and accounts in detail to government regulators.

You **must** buy a ticket in order to win a prize in the Dream Lottery.

Tickets for Dream Lottery can be purchased at participating retailers in Southwestern Ontario, at our lottery prize homes, or they can be ordered by phone or fax, or picked up from one of the hospitals’ foundation offices (Children’s Hospital Foundation, London Health Sciences Foundation, or St. Joseph’s Health Care Foundation, London). There are a limited number of tickets available for this draw.

Tickets that are ordered by fax or by telephone for Dream Lottery are ONLY mailed to Ontario, Canada addresses. Dream Lottery DOES NOT e-mail tickets, and tickets ARE NOT sent outside of Ontario by Dream Lottery.

The proceeds from tickets purchased for these lotteries support health care and medical research in London, Ontario Canada.

For more information on Dream Lottery visit [www.londondream.ca](http://www.londondream.ca)