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SAF Announces Winners of 2008 College Goal Sunday Car Raffle

(HELENA) Marcia and Chris Miller of East Helena are the lucky winners of a 2008 Ford Edge in Student Assistance Foundation's 2008 College Goal Sunday Car Raffle.

On Friday, SAF President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Stipcich drew the Millers' ticket out of more than 5,000 tickets sold throughout the state over the past few months. The raffle is part of a promotional effort geared to raise awareness and funding for Montana College Goal Sunday events.

Montana College Goal Sunday is a free, statewide program that helps students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) — an important step on the road to obtaining higher education. This year, Montana College Goal Sunday was held at 17 locations across the state on Feb. 10.

The Millers bought their ticket from their daughter who was selling the tickets to raise money for the Helena High School Science Seminar.

"I was stunned," said Marcia after hearing the news she had won the car. "She could barely talk," said her husband, Chris.

Groups from across the state were invited to partner with SAF in the raffle as a means of raising money. From each \$5 ticket sold, \$1 went to support the group's efforts.

This year, 22 groups participated, collecting \$3,991 for their activities.

Student Assistance Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Montana corporation that provides students with knowledge and tools to finance and pursue their postsecondary education. Funds generated by SAF are returned to Montanans in the form of education grants and public benefit programs - to date more than \$10 million. For more information, visit www.SmartAboutCollege.org or www.safmt.org.