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**March 5, 2021 – Crystal Kaufman (\$7,220)**

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Game on! Canada’s best men’s teams are thrilled to be back on the ice, fans are overjoyed to see them back in action, and Crystal Kaufman is celebrating her big cash from Friday night’s 50/50 draw.

“I am so excited. I couldn’t believe the numbers, actually,” said Crystal. “I had to call my son over. Am I seeing this right? Is it a hoax? We had to check it five times.”

Congratulations Crystal on winning \$7,220 in Curling Alberta’s 50/50 Raffle presented by Boston Pizza.

Growing up in Hinton, curling was and is an integral part of Crystal’s family. Today, the competitive curling spirit is strong in her family with her sister Jessie on Team Silvernagle and her sister, Nicky playing on Team Wark, based out of Abbotsford. While Crystal herself isn’t a curler, other than in fun beer leagues, she enjoys watching it and often cheers on her sisters from the stands. “I’m just the professional cheerleader of the family,” laughs Crystal.

Crystal owns a company called Step by Step Business Solutions, an online business management and marketing company, and is mother to a soon-to-be teenage son. Amidst this whole new COVID world, they do their best to get out and have as much fun as possible. Part of that fun involves partaking in their family’s favorite sport. Last weekend to celebrate Curling Day in Canada, they were having fun throwing rocks with her sisters at a makeshift outdoor curling rink in northwest Edmonton.

So how does it feel to win?

“I feel really happy first of all to be contributing to 50/50 for curling. I believe curling is a huge part of communities, especially the smaller ones and it’s great to put the money towards that, said Crystal. “And to win it as well? This is the biggest thing I’ve won and it’s just really exciting.

Thank you Crystal and the thousands of curling fans for supporting the 50/50 initiative during the Curling’s Capital Series of Events. We are grateful for your ongoing support to help keep curling communities in Alberta healthy and thriving.

Tickets for the 50/50 draw are available for purchase each day until March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM MST at <https://curlingalberta.ca/5050>. (LL# 570518)