

Raffle to support veterans, residents with disabilities

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Want to win some cash and feel good about helping New Jerseyans with special needs and disabilities?

[Easter Seals New Jersey](#) is holding its annual raffle fundraiser — for cash prizes — on Sunday, Jan. 24.

Most of this year's proceeds will go toward helping veterans with mental health issues and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

"There aren't enough mental health services for our vets who are coming home," said Anyssa Holder, marketing director of Easter Seals NJ. "There are other services — housing, employment, Wounded Warriors — but not much specifically geared toward addressing their mental health issues. And that's something we specialize in."

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The Seals will launch a campaign this year called Invisible Disabilities, which will focus on helping individuals with mental health issues, Holder said. She said the organization is finding more and more of a need to address these issues, especially as more veterans come home from serving overseas.

First place will be 25 percent of the proceeds from the raffle, second place will be 15 percent and third place will be 10 percent. Last year, a total of \$22,500 was raised, meaning first prize was more than \$5,600, Holder said.

The \$25 tickets are available at Century 21 Action Plus Realty offices, a corporate sponsor to Easter Seals NJ, in Freehold Jackson, Howell and Millstone offices. To purchase tickets over the phone, call 800-299-2129.

The drawing will be at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at Season's Coal Fired Bistro, 2200 Route 9 South in Howell. You don't need to be in attendance to win.

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