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GENEROUS DAD WINS 0% FINANCING AFTER GIVING CAR TO SON

SAN MATEO, CA – A Sunnyvale resident received an unexpected payback this week. After giving his car to his college-bound son and financing another for himself, Tony Arrizon, learned he was the winner of San Mateo Credit Union's (SMCU) 0% Financing Sweepstakes. Arrizon, an SMCU member since 1985, had almost forgotten that he had entered the sweepstakes when he received SMCU's call Tuesday morning.

"I never win anything," said Arrizon, "they gave me a free roundtrip airline voucher when I first applied for the loan, and I thought that was plenty." When Arrizon answered his phone on the drive to work, he said "I was so excited that I had to pull over to celebrate!"

Arrizon recently gave his old car to his son and financed a new gas-sipping Honda through SMCU. While he was aware that the credit union periodically runs different contests as a way to reward member loyalty, he always finances his cars through SMCU. "I've bought at least 10 cars through SMCU over the last 23 years because of their personal service," said Arrizon, "but with a son going off to college, this couldn't have come at a better time."

Arrizon agreed that he seems to be on a lucky roll. "My Tuesday horoscope said that I would win a small jackpot of some kind," he said, "I think my wife and I are going to use our free flight to go to Vegas."

"I'm delighted to hear that Tony won our 0% Financing Sweepstakes," said Valerie Alsip, Vice President of Lending & Operations. "Members like Tony, who puts his family first, embody the SMCU spirit. We hope that hearing about Tony's well-timed win encourages all of our members to participate in our future contests."

Anyone interested in becoming an SMCU member can call toll-free 888 363-1725 or apply online at www.smcu.org. Membership in San Mateo Credit Union is open to all San Mateo County residents, employees and students; employees of member companies and companies who belong to the Golden Gate Better Business Bureau or one of the county's 15 Chambers of Commerce; as well as family members, domestic partners and roommates of SMCU members.

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About San Mateo Credit Union (SMCU)

Founded in 1952, SMCU is a member-owned financial institution that currently serves more than 61,000 members, managing more than \$600 million in assets. With six San Mateo County branch locations and a comprehensive online banking system, SMCU provides a full range of financial services to its member-owners. More information on SMCU is available at www.smcu.org.