

Sanger man wins \$450,000 dream home in St. Jude fundraiser

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Jesse Ramirez of Sanger was the winner Sunday night of the St. Jude Dream Home in a drawing that was broadcast live on KMPH Channel 26.

The 2,924-square-foot multi-generational home is located at Temperance and Sierra avenues in Clovis. A home is offered each year as the grand prize to help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital raise funds to fight cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

This was the most successful fundraiser in the 12-year series, raising \$1,083,000 for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, said Paula De Young, executive vice president of De Young Properties. De Young Properties has raised \$8.7 million in the nine years the company has built the St. Jude Dream Home.

"I am inspired each year when our community comes together to show their support for St. Jude," De Young said. "Our entire De Young Properties team is humbled to be a part of such an important cause that our Valley generously embraces with their hard-earned dollars."

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Other companies, including 84 Lumber, Granite Mountain Stone Design, Ferguson Enterprises of Fresno and General Electric Appliances, donated labor and resources to build the home.

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Last year's dream home winner was a 52-year-old Clovis man with five children. They had purchased tickets for the giveaway every year for the past several years.

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