

# CONTEST CORNER



## Winning A Home-Sweet-Home On The Net

(NAPS)—There's no place like home and for the lucky winner of one contest, there's no prize quite as satisfying as your own home.

Lori Higgins of Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, had a lifelong dream to be a homeowner, but was never able to scrape together enough money for the down payment.

Although she struggled for years financially and has Lupus, a debilitating disease, she never gave up on her dream to be a homeowner.

When she received a call telling her that she had won a home in the "Win a Real Home" contest, she was almost in shock. "If it wasn't happening to me, I wouldn't believe it," Higgins said.

Higgins found the contest while searching the Internet for low-cost financing and mortgage information. Once she discovered the contest at RealHome.com, she returned to the site to enter the contest for 97 consecutive days.

"I was determined to secure a home for my family or win a million dollars," said Higgins, "whichever came first."

In addition to awarding the dream home, RealHome.com also provided \$15,000 in cash to go towards purchasing land.

Higgins said the information provided by the site's online university was invaluable in helping her make key decisions about her new home.

The mission of RealHome.com



**A Web site for homeowners and homebuyers helped provide a dream home for one lucky contest winner.**

is helping homeowners and first-time homebuyers sort out the do's and don'ts of home buying, home finance and home ownership. Consumers can find a wealth of unbiased information on everything from financing a home, to finding the best mortgage rates, to maintaining your home, to selecting movers and buying home accessories.

Site visitors can find out about progress on the Higgins house at the "What's New" area of the site. Visitors can vote for their preferences of carpeting, color schemes, appliances, counter tops, and window treatments to assist Higgins in her task.

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