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Million Dollar Lottery Win is Just the Icing on the Cake of Life for Latest Mega Millions Winner

TRENTON, N.J. (Nov. 7, 2014) – Some people embrace life for all the sweet goodness each moment has to offer so winning the lottery is just the icing on the cake. That is certainly the case for our latest million dollar Mega Millions winner John Manganiotis from Saddle Brook. Mr. Manganiotis is a family man who has been working with his son Johnny to help him build a business, Mr. Cupcakes. In their spare time, their efforts are philanthropic in support of two charities, the Children’s Specialized Hospital and Let Them Be Little X2 <http://jasonandjustinsjourneyx2.com/>. The Let Them Be Little organization assists children affected by a rare genetic disease commonly known as MPSII or Hunter Syndrome. Manganiotis has pledged that a portion of his win from the Mega Millions draw on Tuesday, November 4, will go to these good causes.



Cupcakes from the Mr. Cupcakes store

Carole Hedinger, Executive Director of the New Jersey Lottery met with John and Johnny to congratulate them. She said, “Life is all about timing.” The men couldn’t agree more. As it turns out, the two were together, unexpectedly. Johnny was running an errand and his Dad came along for the ride. After sitting in the car for a while, John spotted the Richfield Liquor Store, 1362 Clifton Ave., Clifton, and decided to go into the store to buy a few lottery tickets. The two board Mega Millions ticket he purchased netted the big win from this lucky retailer.



L-R 1 Johnny Manganiotis, Carole Hedinger, John Manganiotis

The discovery of the win was just as unexpected. Wednesday evening, Johnny was on Facebook and read a news article stating that the winning ticket was sold at the store where his Dad bought his ticket. The rest, as they say, is history. Manganiotis said, “I wasn’t supposed to be with my son that day, but I ended up going with him. My son tried to have his watch fixed a few days before but was asked to come back.” He was just at the right place at the right time and “all of the stars aligned.”

The timing was right for a New York Lottery ticketholder as well who holds the only Mega Millions jackpot winning ticket worth \$321,000,000 from the same drawing. There were also six \$5,000 third prizewinning New Jersey Lottery tickets sold at the following locations:

Burlington County Roma Liquors, 1005 Sunset Rd., Burlington;
Essex County at Gateway Newsstands, 11-43 Raymond Plaza W., 1 Gateway Center, Newark;
Essex County at Villa's Grocery, 122 Parker St., Newark;
Middlesex County at Dix's Spirit Shoppe, 460 So. Washington Ave., Piscataway;
Monmouth County at Shoprite #623, Routes 36 & 71, West Long Branch;
Union County at Wallis Stationary, 441 Park Ave., Scotch Plains.

In addition to the Garden State's \$1,000,000 and \$5,000 prize-winning tickets, 117 players each purchased \$500 winning tickets. Eight of those tickets were bought with the Megaplier option, making them worth \$2,000 each. Moreover, 344,741 other New Jersey players took home \$599,227 in prizes ranging from \$1 to \$200, according to Hedinger.

"Congratulations to the lottery winners and to the retailers that sold all of those winning tickets," said Hedinger. "For selling the winning tickets, the retailers have become many more Lottery 'lucky locations' overnight." The winning numbers for the Tuesday, November 4 drawing were: 09, 15, 24, 39 and 41. The Gold Mega Ball was 01, and the Megaplier Multiplier was 04.

The Mega Millions jackpot resets to \$15,000,000 for the next drawing, which will be held Friday, Nov. 7 at 11:00 pm.

View all New Jersey Lottery game winning numbers including the MONOPOLY MILLIONAIRES' CLUB lottery game on the Lottery website (www.NJLottery.com). Also on the Lottery website view live drawings for the Pick-3, Pick-4, Jersey Cash 5, Pick-6 and CASH4LIFE games or on the official Lottery Facebook Page. **Evening draws, with the exception of CASH4LIFE, can be seen on WPIX-TV (PIX11) in New York and WPHL-TV (PHL17) in Philadelphia. Powerball and Mega Millions drawings can be seen on WABC TV stations.**

ABOUT THE LOTTERY

Since its inception in 1970, the New Jersey Lottery (NJLottery.com) has contributed more than \$22 billion to the State in support of education and institutions. In Fiscal Year 2013, the Lottery's contribution was more than \$1 billion. Among its beneficiaries are: veterans homes, community and other colleges and universities, school nutrition programs, homes for the developmentally disabled, psychiatric hospitals, higher education scholarship programs and the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

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