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New Jersey Lottery Celebrates the \$9.1 Million Pick-6 Winner as ACME Shares the Luck with Community Donations

TRENTON, N.J. (Jan. 30, 2015) –New Jersey Lottery Executive Director Carole Hedinger announced the names of the fortunate Pick-6 jackpot winners at the ACME Markets store where the winning ticket was sold. The store is located at 11 Court House South Dennis Rd., Cape May Courthouse. Robert Mallen, from Cape May Court House, a 67-year old retiree, bought the \$9.1 million top prizewinning ticket for the Monday, Dec. 29 New Jersey Lottery Pick-6 drawing. Mr. Mallen purchased the ticket as a cash prize, which has a value of \$6,780,865 before taxes. He shares the prize with his wife, Karen Mallen. In addition, ACME Markets spread the good fortune further with donations to community organizations through their Share the Luck program.

Lottery retailers receive an additional bonus commission when they sell top prizewinning tickets. ACME Markets received a \$10,000 bonus commission for selling the Pick-6 ticket and is donating those funds back to the community through their Share the Luck program. The three non-profit, community based organizations are:

- Community Food Bank of New Jersey-Southern Branch
- Cape May County Special Services School
- Cape May Court House Volunteer Fire Department

Hedinger said, “I’m excited to meet the lucky Pick-6 millionaires, knowing that their lives have positively changed from this experience. Equally gratifying, is knowing that with every Lottery ticket purchased, so many people are assisted through the organizations and institutions that receive Lottery generated revenue. We are also proud to have retail partners such as ACME that further the mission of providing goods and services that support the community.”

Thus far, in Fiscal Year 2015, the Pick-6 game has contributed more than \$13 million to Lottery beneficiaries. In total for Fiscal Year 2015, the Lottery has contributed more than \$424 million to its beneficiaries that include: veterans’ homes, 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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New Jersey Lottery and ACME Markets Celebrate the \$9.1 Million Pick-6 Winner

Mr. Mallen is a prudent lottery player. He typically purchases two tickets for each Pick-6 draw, which includes one quick pick ticket and one with a personal set of numbers. But on Monday, Dec. 29, he purchased three tickets because he had won \$3.00 from the prior draw. It was with the third ticket purchased that he won the jackpot.

The Pick-6 Lotto rolled 36 times before being won by the Mallens. During that time period, which spanned from Aug. 28, 2014 through Dec. 29, 2014, the game contributed approximately \$8.5 million to the state in support of education, institutions and programs. In addition, New Jersey retailers earned more than \$1 million in commissions from the Pick-6 game alone during that period.

The Pick-6 game now offers an additional opportunity for players to increase their non-jackpot prizes by up to five times with the addition of XTRA. Pick-6 XTRA began on Jan. 13 for the Jan. 15 drawing. Pick-6 XTRA increases the game's base prize amounts by a randomly selected multiplier number during the Pick-6 XTRA draw. The purchase of XTRA will also enable the player to win \$2.00 for matching only two numbers. The cost of adding XTRA to Pick-6 is \$1.00, making the total purchase \$2.00 per play.

Pick-6 is drawn every Monday and Thursday at approximately 7:58 p.m. in the New Jersey Lottery Lawrenceville drawing studio. For complete game rules and recent winning numbers visit the NJLottery.com website.

Watch New Jersey Lottery drawings for the Pick-3, Pick-4, Jersey Cash 5, Pick-6, CASH4LIFE from the Lottery website homepage (NJLottery.com), 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.**

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