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Player Credits Power of Prayer and Visualization For \$38 Million SuperLotto Plus Jackpot Win!

SACRAMENTO – To say William Walgamuth is a believer is an understatement. The California Lottery just declared Walgamuth the winner of a \$38 million SuperLotto Plus® jackpot! He bought his ticket in Santa Clarita (Los Angeles County) for the drawing held on November 27, 2021. Although his win is new, it appears it was a long time coming.

"I always knew I would win," he explained. "I even have a post-it on my computer reminding me to visualize sitting at my table making a list of what I would do once I won the Lottery." Walgamuth tells the Lottery the note has been there for years!

The retiree started his winning weekend like many others, prayer journaling like he and his wife do every morning. Then he went to his neighborhood store and bought nine SuperLotto Plus Quick Pick® tickets. He didn't even realize he'd won until the next day.

"This is a wonderful gift, and this win is all about family. I want to take care of my family, my wife and kids," Walgamuth said. "We had been feeling like it was coming soon, and here it is!"

The store where Walgamuth bought his ticket, Plum Canyon Shell, receives a \$190,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

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The California Lottery's mission is to provide supplemental funding to California public schools, including kindergarten and grades 1-12, community colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and other California

public educational entities. The funds the Lottery transferred to public education totaled more than \$1.8 billion for fiscal year 2020-21, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely nondiscretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period, the Lottery generated almost \$8.4 billion in sales, more than 95% of which went back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. As jackpots rise, the California Lottery would like to remind players that gambling should be fun. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person's budget or using money intended for other purposes can ultimately lead to significant problems for players and their families. If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem or if someone knows of someone who may have a problem, the Lottery recommends calling the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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