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### ***Brother Delivers on Million-Dollar Scratchers® Errand*** *Lucky Player Confirms She Has the Best Brother a Sister Could Have*

**SACRAMENTO** – A lucky California Lottery player gave her brother some money to pick up a [LOTERIA™ GRANDE Scratchers](#) game for her. That's how she found out she has the best brother a sister could have: a brother who will come home and deliver a \$1 million prize they picked up and even *played for you*.

"Once in a while I give my brother \$20, and, because I know he loves to buy tickets, I tell him to buy me a ticket," says J. Garcia.

Late last year, Garcia's brother called from Cardenas Market on Lincoln Avenue in Corona to let her know he had her ticket. Garcia told him to go ahead and scratch it because, if it was only \$5 or a free play, she didn't want to have to drive back to the store for another ticket or a small win.

"I think you won," she described him telling her over the phone.

"No," she said, the way you might say it to a brother teasing you.

He sent her a picture of the ticket, but she still didn't believe it. When she got home, he showed it to her along with the claim forms he downloaded. She still didn't believe she'd won.

"I went to the California Lottery office, and they told me, 'Yeah, you won!'" she laughed. "That's when it hit me."

Garcia has been playing Scratchers games for about five years and prefers the LOTERIA™ games because, as a child, she played the original game that inspired the LOTERIA™ series of Scratchers games from the California Lottery.

"I play it because I understand that game," says Garcia.

What Garcia didn't know about the California Lottery was its mission of raising extra funding for California public education.



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“Oh!” she exclaimed, “I didn’t know that!” She now plans to take a look at the [current series of videos on the official California Lottery YouTube channel](#), which highlight some of the ways school districts use Lottery funds.

When asked about her plans for the money, she says she plans to possibly buy an income property, to make her prize work for her.

But first, she said, “I’m going to buy my brother a new car.”

To find out more about the funds distributed by the California Lottery to public education across the state visit [www.calottery.com/who-benefits](http://www.calottery.com/who-benefits).

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. **The California Lottery has raised more than \$46 billion for public schools** through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight [draw games](#) and dozens of new instant [Scratchers](#) games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, [retailer commissions and bonuses](#), and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found [here](#). California Lottery is also committed to promoting [responsible gaming](#). Anyone who shows signs of a gambling problem, or knows someone who does, can get free, confidential help by calling the CA Problem Gambling Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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