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## One Million Dollars in a Time of Need for New Jersey Couple

**TRENTON (July 11, 2017)** – Jackie and Rande from Long Branch are the winners of the March 31st Mega Millions \$1,000,000 second-tier prize. The couple, who have been married for nearly 17 years, have faced some difficult challenges over the years. The worst of which was when their daughter lost her battle with Lupus, leaving them with three young grandchildren to raise.

Their luck finally turned around on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> when their Mega Millions ticket matched all five of the white balls drawn, making their ticket a \$1,000,000 winner. Their friend Debbie, who drove them to Lottery Headquarters, said, "They are the most deserving people in New Jersey. They have helped so many other people in their times of need and now it is their turn to receive this very necessary blessing."

Jackie and Rande will put the money towards their immediate bills first, and use the rest to help continue to raise their grandchildren. Rande said, "I am just very grateful. This will help our lives out a lot."

Jackie, with tear-laden eyes said, "This will be the beginning of good fortune to our family."

Their lucky retailer is Long Branch Convenience, 532 Broadway in Long Branch.

### ABOUT THE LOTTERY

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