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New Jersey CASH4LIFE Winners to be Featured on HGTV “My Lottery Dream Home” TV Show Airs at 10 a.m. on January 1

TRENTON, N.J. (Dec. 31, 2015) - New Jersey’s first CASH4LIFE Top Prizewinners, Joseph Ianiro and John Opaluch from Hasbrouck, will be featured on the HGTV show, “My Lottery Dream Home” airing on Jan. 1, 2016 at 10 a.m. EST. The program host, David Bromstad, takes lottery winners on the hunt for their new dream home. Ianiro and Opaluch won the top CASH4LIFE prize of \$1,000 a day for life from the Nov. 13, 2014 drawing. The couple opted for the cash prize of approximately \$5 million after taxes.

When asked why they wanted to participate on the HGTV show, Joseph Ianiro said, “We want to show the world that we are just normal everyday people who won the lottery. We are just two guys living in a neighborhood.” He continued, “When you win the lottery you don’t have to spend it all. We wired all of the money to our financial advisor and told her that we want to retire but still receive the same income as when we were working.”

Carole Hedinger, New Jersey Lottery executive director said, “It’s refreshing that Joseph Ianiro and John Opaluch can show the public that winning the Lottery doesn’t change people’s intrinsic values or sense of fiscal responsibility. In fact, the Lottery winners that I have had the honor and pleasure of meeting are typically responsible, hard-working people who just got lucky. Their dreams are simply to live a happy life without financial struggles.”

Host David Bromstad will walk viewers through the home buying experience with Ianiro and Opaluch. Their choices are diverse and include an ‘Old Indian Estate’, a historical ‘Llewellyn Carriage House’ and a brand new build, ‘The Ryserson’ in their old neighborhood. Find out which home they choose.

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No matter which home they choose, Ianiro and Opaluch will still be driving their matching Honda Civics until the leases expire. They will continue to wave to their neighbors and live normal, everyday lives.

The Lottery is anxious to meet the latest New Jersey CASH4LIFE winner(s) from the Thursday, Dec. 24 drawing. We will wait to see how they will handle their new fortunes of \$1,000 a day for life or the \$7,000,000 cash option. That ticket was purchased at Winslow Citgo, 172 Route 73, Braddock in Camden County. The winning numbers were: 05, 19, 36, 41 and 55. Cash Ball: 02.

CASH4LIFE tickets are available exclusively in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia. Players select five numbers from a field of one through 60, and then select a "Cash Ball" from a field of one through four. Drawings are held on Monday and Thursday at approximately 9:00 p.m. The next drawing will be held on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015.

Watch live New Jersey Lottery drawings for the Pick-3, Pick-4, Jersey Cash 5, Pick-6 and CASH4LIFE games at the Lottery website (NJLottery.com), or on the official Lottery Facebook Page. **Midday and 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 New Jersey Lottery

Since its inception in 1970, the New Jersey Lottery (NJLottery.com) has contributed nearly \$24 billion to the State in support of education and institutions. In Fiscal Year 2015, the Lottery's contribution was more than \$960 million. Among its beneficiaries are: 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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