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Roselle Couple Newest Illinois Lottery Millionaires
Plan to invest \$1 million St. Patrick's Day Raffle jackpot

Roselle, IL – June 4, 2008 – We've all heard the question, "What would you do if you won the lottery?" While many people might dream about mansions or fancy cars, two of Illinois' newest millionaires immediately sought professional financial planning after winning the Lottery's St. Patrick Day's Millionaire Raffle \$1 million jackpot.

Roselle resident Diane Belsan, an internal sales associate, and her husband Ray, a warehouse worker, took a practical approach to Diane's win. The couple plan on hiring an advisor to help them capitalize on their new-found wealth. "We're getting all of our finances in order and talking to our attorney," Diane said. "We are taking care of our wills and looking for someone to help us make the most of our money." In addition to wisely investing, the Belsans plan to help Diane's parents, who lack social security benefits.

Diane and Ray typically spend \$10 a week on instant tickets or Little Lotto, but Diane decided to take a chance on the Raffle because of her heritage. "I thought it would be fun to play the St. Patrick's Day Millionaire Raffle because I'm Irish," she explained. "Ray and I always got excited for other Lottery winners we saw on television or in the paper. Now that it's us, it's just unreal."

Jodie Winnett, acting superintendent of the Illinois Lottery, said, "Diane's raffle win is a terrific story for the Illinois Lottery, made even better by her decision to seek professional financial guidance, ensuring that she makes the most of her winnings."

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Not only do the Belsans plan to keep playing the Illinois Lottery, but they have inspired a new wave of players. “Our friends all say that they’re going to start playing because of our win,” Diane said. “And we’ll definitely continue to play because it’s so enjoyable for us.”

Alpine Road BP, located at 4477 Linden Road in Rockford, Ill., will receive a bonus of 1 percent of the top prize, or \$10,000, for selling the winning ticket.

About the Illinois Lottery

Founded in 1974, the Illinois Lottery is a state agency with annual sales over \$2 billion. Since its inception, the Lottery has contributed more than \$14 billion to the state Common School Fund to assist K-12 public schools. Players must be at least 18 years old. For more information on the Illinois Lottery please visit our Web site at www.illinoislottery.com.

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