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***MEGA MILLIONS*® \$144 MILLION JACKPOT WINNER FROM KATY ENCOURAGES CHARITABLE GIVING**

(Austin) – Despite claiming the largest prize in Texas Lottery® history, Katy resident William R Kiefer wants no part of fame or fortune. This humble Texan only has three plans: retire, donate to worthy causes and encourage others to do the same.

“The greatest gift my parents gave me was to be raised a Christian,” said Kiefer. “I plan to give 60 percent of all after-tax winnings to charity.”

Kiefer says he sees his win as an opportunity to set an example for others regarding his faith and raise awareness for worthy causes such as abused children, relief for Haiti and support for retired nuns. He does not, however, wish to promote himself.

He said, “I will not provide any interviews except to the Texas Catholic Herald.”

Kiefer’s Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers (1 – 10 – 22 – 23 – 38) plus the Mega Ball (19) for the *Mega Millions*® drawing held Friday, January 29. He will receive 26 annual payments totaling \$144 million.

“We are proud to count Mr. Kiefer among our players. Many winners plan to give to charity, but I don’t think we’ve ever seen generosity quite like this,” said Texas Lottery Commission Deputy Executive Director Gary Grief. “This is also an opportunity to remind our players that Texans really do win the big jackpots. With games like *Mega Millions* and *Powerball* in Texas, we will continue to support Texas education through the Foundation School Fund.”

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The Short Stop Market at 5304 E. 5th St. in Katy also stands to gain from this win. For selling the winning ticket, the store is eligible for a retailer bonus of \$1 million.

Many other Texas Lottery players are celebrating this week after 47,999 winning tickets qualified for *Powerball*® and Power Play prizes totaling \$203,755 in the first-ever *Powerball* drawing for Texas players held Wednesday, February 3. Total sales in Texas for the drawing were more than \$1.3 million.

Tonight's *Mega Millions* jackpot is an estimated \$20 million. Tomorrow's drawings include an estimated *Powerball* jackpot of \$140 million and an estimated *Lotto Texas*® jackpot of \$42 million.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official Web site at <http://www.txlottery.org>.

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Note to Editors: There is no period after the "R" in Mr. Kiefer's name.