

# Lottery officials promote Powerball at Hanes Mall

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North Carolinians got their first chance to buy Powerball tickets in their own state last week and responded by buying tickets in the millions.

The tickets went on sale at grocery stores, convenience stores and gas stations all over the state, but one unusual place people could get tickets last week was at Hanes Mall.

The North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) set up a booth at the mall on Friday and Saturday so that people could purchase tickets during mall hours. The goal was to promote Powerball and teach people how to play the game. There were three other events at malls across the state last weekend.

Alice Garland, a spokesperson for the NCEL, said that a lot of people have bought power ball tickets and she knows why.

"It's fun. It's entertaining. That's purely why you do it," said Garland about playing the

game.

Powerball has sold \$6.5 million in tickets as of Monday. The booth at Hanes Mall sold \$2,546 worth in the two days it was there.

Powerball works by filling out a play slip using six numbers either selected by the player or a computer. Prizes are won by matching certain numbered balls that are drawn at random. The more balls the player matches, the bigger the prize. The prizes range from three dollars for matching one red ball all the way up to the multimillion dollar jackpot. If a player matches all five white balls and the red Powerball, he or she wins the jackpot, which starts out at \$15 million and grows until someone wins it. The odds of winning the jackpot are one in 146,107,962. The odds on other prizes vary.

Tickets can be purchased for \$1, but for \$2 the player can "Power Play" which will multiply their winnings by a number selected from a spinning wheel. The winnings can



People wait to buy Powerball tickets at the mall booth last week.

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be multiplied up to five times and does not apply to the jackpot. The booth at the mall was

temporary, but Garland said the number of retailers selling lottery tickets keeps growing. Any retailer in the state can

apply to sell the tickets. Even places like gift shops, tobacco shops, and hardware stores are selling tickets, Garland

said. Lottery prizes under \$600 can be picked up at any participating retailer but bigger prizes must be claimed at the lottery headquarters in Raleigh or via mail.

Garland said that Powerball completely funds itself with 65 percent of the total money it takes in going to prizes, administrative costs and retailer commissions. Its total net proceeds, or 35 percent of the money it takes in, goes to education in North Carolina. The money is divided between reducing class sizes, school construction, prekindergarten programs for at-risk kids and college scholarships for students who qualify for pell grants.

Part of the lottery's budget goes to the Department of Health and Human Services for programs that deal with gambling addiction. A "Problem Gambling Helpline" number can be found on nearly everything the NCEL does, from their play slips to their brochures.

For more information on the lottery, go to [www.nc-educationlottery.org](http://www.nc-educationlottery.org).

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a family of diseases that are biologically different from each other, some more aggressive than others," Carey said. "In this study, using the Carolina Breast Cancer Study, we were looking at how frequently these different subtypes occur in a given population."

DNA microarray analysis allows scientists to determine the expression levels of thousands of genes simultaneously. This can reveal gene expression patterns, which, in turn, enable genomic profiling of tumor cells.

There are treatment implications of these findings. As Carey, medical director of the UNC Breast Center and a Lineberger clinical faculty member, points out, "Right now, the only available treatment for basal-like breast cancer is chemotherapy. Fortunately, while there are no targeted treatments yet for basal-like breast tumors, some of the newer

chemotherapies tend to benefit this subtype more than other subtypes.

"In addition, there are many new drugs that we will be evaluating in clinical trials to try to provide a targeted treatment for patients with this subtype of breast cancer."

Millikan said, "This is important information to know, since it means that African American women, like all breast cancer patients, need the best possible diagnostic workups and access to the latest clinical trials. It will be extremely important for these findings to be validated in other patient populations, and to engage breast cancer advocacy groups to ensure that the findings are translated into better care and access to clinical trials for all breast cancer patients."

"My advice for young African American women," added Carey, "is the same as my advice for all women: Get regular health care."

The research was supported by an award from the National Cancer Institute.



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The Winston Lake Y in on Waterworks Road.

## YMCA

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ty. The Winston Lake Y like the Patterson Y before it, primarily serves African Americans. Joyner recalled that the Winston Lake Y's goal was to become a focal point for community activities involving churches, social clubs, fraternities, sororities, and other groups. He said it lived up to that purpose and helped bring the community together.

District Judge Denise Hartsfield, a longtime Winston Lake Y board member, said that the positive activities offered at the Y help keep young people from standing before her in court.

"One thing I can be assured of is that the kids who participate in the Y usually don't end up in court," she said.

The branch is known for its youth programs, said Ken Leak, the teen and family director. Besides the Boss Drummers and Jazzy Jumpers, the Winston Lake YMCA offers several educational programs and summer

camp and serves as the base for the Black Achievers program, which promotes academic enhancement and career exploration for high school students.

"It's grown to be a central and valuable place for the African American community on the East Winston side of town," said Leak.

Mo Lucas, known as the father of the branch, spoke briefly at the ceremony as well. Lucas has mentored a countless number of young men during his more than 50-year affiliation with the Y. He began his service at the Patterson Avenue location and it continues today at Winston Lake.

Lucas described young people as the "only thing I know." He said that one of the greatest delights of his life is when doctors, lawyers and others come up to him and thank him for being a part of their lives. One word he never uses at the YMCA is "impossible."

"Everything is possible in here," Lucas said.

Cynthia Jeffries is the current executive director of the Winston Lake YMCA.



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