

Lottery Bonus to Go to Food Bank

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Lottery Bonus Will Go To Food Bank, Store Says

The \$100,000 bonus that went to the Southeast Washington supermarket that sold last month's \$144 million Powerball ticket will go to charity, the grocery chain said yesterday.

The Capital Area Food Bank will get the money that the Giant Food on Alabama Avenue received as part of the lottery winnings, officials from the store said.

It is traditional for the store that sells the winning ticket to get a bonus. This was the city's largest Powerball win, and as soon as the location of the sale of the winning ticket was announced April 9, store employees wondered whether they would get a cut. A representative of at least one local charity was at the store the morning after the drawing, asking for a donation.

Giant has had a long relationship with the food bank. The donation will go toward construction of a larger distribution center, which will allow twice the amount of food to be distributed throughout the city, said Kim Brown, a vice president with Giant Food.

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