

Lottery gives people a million reasons to dream

GIVE A LITTLE

Philanthropy is an act many people aspire to but often feel they can't monetarily afford. With some extra cash, the needy become the aim of new-found wealth for many.

In addition to the church, family falls first on most priority lists, and in a large family like hers, Nancy Adams would use part of her million to pay for the education of the next generation.

"I think the young kids need to do something besides work at McDonald's," said Adams, 77, a Dickson resident with eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. "If they have some needs, I would like to be able to provide for them."

When it comes to provisions, shelter is another thing people would strive to provide.

Although it has been awhile since Delores Ursery watched the news, avoiding it now because of all the dismal reports, she does remember seeing a story on Nashville's tent city that broke her heart. It is there where she would put her money to use.

"I would find a family, a couple of families, to shelter and give some money to," Ursery said.

Ron Hall is already sheltering others.

After spending the last four years helping orphans hit by the AIDS epidemic in Africa, Hall recently brought his charitable



Ron Hall, left, is pictured near his East Nashville home with children from the Greenwood neighborhood. Hall, who has spent the last four years helping orphans hit by the AIDS epidemic in Africa, recently brought his charitable work home, pairing with friends to start a program that takes in local kids who need guidance and support. If he won a million dollars, Hall said he would put the money toward his program. SUBMITTED

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There have been 31 one million-plus dollar winners in Tennessee since the lottery's inception in the state on Jan. 20, 2004, according to Rebecca Hargrove, president of the Tennessee Education Lot-

tery Corporation. More than 1,000 people have won \$50,000 or more. The average daily lottery payout across the state is \$1.5 million in cash and prizes, Hargrove said.

work home, partnering with friends David and Kristy Spring to take in kids who need guidance and support in East Nashville's Greenwood neigh-

borhood. They offer homework assistance and recreation opportunities, serving as a second sanctuary

for urban teens.

"We believe true community can revitalize a neighborhood — and help reach its destiny," Hall said. "So if I won a million... I'd just keep on keeping on with what I'm doing with my friends in West Greenwood and in Africa. And maybe make a big Sam's Club run for the kids and my sixth trip to Africa to help with the orphans. Their dreams are my vision."

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