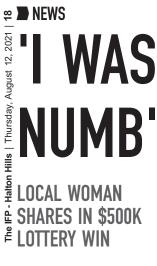
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Georgetown's Melissa Ottley and Brampton's Britney Dacosta recently began playing the lottery together, and it didn't take long for the partnership to pay off.

The two friends shared a MaxMillions prize of \$500,000 and also won \$2 on Encore to push their winning over the half-million mark.

"I checked my ticket the



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Georgetown's Melissa Ottley and Britney Dacosta of Brampton shared in a \$500,002 Lotto Max win.

day after the draw and when I saw the Big Winner screen, I was numb," Da-Costa said. "I had no voice to scream. I gave myself a couple of minutes to compose myself before I called Melissa, and then told good friendships deserve a blessing. Sometimes those blessings are \$500,002."

The friends had one of two winning tickets on MaxMillions prize in the June 8 Lotto Max draw. "I feel so grateful and humbled," Ottley said.

The two plan to share their part of the win with their families, and save some for a down payment on a house.

"It was an amazing surprise," DaCosta said.

The winning ticket was purchased at Krown Convenience on North Park Drive in Brampton.



Major Miriam Stevens (fourth from right) of the Salvation Army accepts a donation of bikes, scooters, baby blankets and toys from Tiger Jeet Singh Jr. and Troy Newton on behalf of the Tiger Jeet Singh Foundation while joined by Mayor Rick Bonnette and councillors Mike Cluett, Clark Somerville, Moya Johnson and Jane Fogal.

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