



**JONESBORO LOTTERY CLAIM CENTER GRAND OPENING THURSDAY;
PUBLIC WELCOME TO JOIN FUN WITH PRIZES, REFRESHMENTS**

December 14, 2009 -- The public is invited to the GRAND OPENING of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Claim Center in Christian Commons in Jonesboro. The Center has been up and running for about two weeks, and employs two area residents. In fact, there was a \$25,000 winner the very first day the Center was open.

Now it is time to celebrate this new "business" in Jonesboro with a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening, which is set from Noon to 2:30 at the Center, at 2512 Alexander Drive Suite A, phone 870-934-4901. **The formal ribbon cutting will take place at 12:30 p.m.**

The event is free and open to the public. Awaiting them will be refreshments including a Lottery Cake. Radio ads are running now on area stations advertising the event. Attendees should bring all their already-purchased lottery tickets. For every \$5 in tickets for Arkansas instant games, Powerball® and Cash 3, partygoers will get a spin of the Big Wheel, with a prize awarded for every spin.

The Lottery has issued invitations to the Mayor and City Council, members of the Chamber of Commerce, and to officials at ASU. Commissioner Dianne Lamberth of Batesville will be on hand, and Commissioner Ben Pickard of Searcy (a longtime ASU-Beebe official); joining them will be Jonesboro resident Philip Miley, who is the Lottery's Controller, and several other Lottery employees.

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