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NE Ohio Family Wins Nations Lending Corporation's Great Mortgage Giveaway Contest

On October 2, 2012, a NE Ohio family raising 4 orphaned children was named the winner of the Great Mortgage Giveaway sponsored by Nations Lending Corporation (NLC). The Getch family of Perry, Ohio was presented with an \$18,000 check by NLC executives in an event covered by WJW Television FOX 8 News.

The Mortgage Assistance Contest began on August 15, 2012 and concluded on September 14, 2012. Over 700 Cleveland and Akron area homeowners entered the Great Mortgage Give-Away contest on the WJW Television FOX 8 web site hoping to get their mortgage paid for the next year. When the contest launched, Jeremy Sopko, NLC's C.E.O. and President, explained the reason why the mortgage assistance contest was created, "We want residents of Cleveland and Akron to know that we care about those in need. We will make the mortgage payments for an entire year for a family who suffered a recent hardship or medical condition which is causing them to struggle to keep a roof over their family's head."

On October 2, at 6:00 pm, while the Fox 8 news crew filmed, Mike Bankowski of NLC knocked on the front door of the Getch family home. When Debi Getch, the winning contestant, opened the front door, she saw Mike Bankowski, the philanthropy project coordinator directly in front of her. Behind him stood William L. Osborne Jr. (C.F.O) and Jeremy E. Sopko holding a larger than life check. As she started to cry, Mr. Bankowski said to Debi, "On behalf of the two owners and the entire staff at Nations Lending Corporation, I would like to congratulate you, the winner of the 2012 Great Mortgage Giveaway."

To read the story written by the reporter on scene, P.J. Ziegler, titled "Family Overcoming Hardship Wins Mortgage" or to watch a video of the heartwarming announcement at Fox8.com, [click here](#).

Some contestants heard about the contest on television. Cheryl Lieber, Nations Lending Corporation's Vice President of Operations, invited WJW Television FOX 8 viewers to enter the contest. [Click here to watch the YouTube video](#). Other Cleveland and Akron community homeowners heard about the contest when Jeremy E. Sopko was interviewed by Fox 8 reporter, Todd Meany, on August 7th, 2012. [Click here to watch the interview](#).

Debi and William Getch lost their son Matthew and daughter-in-law Karen. They are raising Karen and Matt's four kids who are 5, 8, 11 and 13. Debi explained what winning the contest would mean to her family and grandchildren, "They have lost so much in their lives so to be able to give them a home with us, with my other kids that is stable that we know they are going to be raised in, that's all you need."

Two of the grandchildren explained how they felt about their grandparents. "I just love them very much, just very thankful for them," said 13-year-old Maddie Dibase. "They are always happy and very funny and kind and I love them very much," 11-year-old Juilia Dibase said.

Debi expressed how the donation would help her family, "We should be able to pay off credit cards, get the kids something that maybe we haven't been able to get them, you know. They want to go on a vacation, they have never been on a vacation, you know we can't afford things like that, it's huge."

The love, happiness and thankfulness of the Getch family touched the two founders of NLC. "It just makes me want to melt knowing that we were able to help the family out like that, somebody who could use the assistance," said Osborne. "Definitely heartfelt and it's something that is very hard to capture," said Sopko. "Those moments in life that really makes you appreciate

everything.”

People interested in making donations to the Getch family can contact Mike Bankowski at NLC at 877-816-1220, Extension 2284.

The contest was part of a corporate outreach program implemented by NLC as a way for the company to give back to their local communities. [In 2012, the Cleveland Plain Dealer ranked Nations Lending Corporation as a top employer.](#) The firm, headquartered in Independence, Ohio has had numerous customers post positive reviews online on sites such as Manta.com, YellowPages.com, Zillow.com, BBB.org and Yelp.com. The established national mortgage lender, now licensed in 43 states, specializes in new home purchases and loan refinancing through conventional loans, FHA loans, VA loans and HARP loans.

To learn about mortgage loan services, refinancing, branch and career opportunities at NLC, [watch the company profile video on YouTube](#), visit www.nlcmortgage.com or call 866-447-0266.

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