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Charitable Bingo Distributions Exceed \$773.6 Million Since 1982

(Austin, February 23) - Charities across Texas can thank Charitable Bingo for bringing them distributions that total in excess of three-quarters of a billion dollars during the last 23 years.

"We've been tallying distributions to charities from bingo activities since 1982, when the first licenses to conduct bingo were issued," said Texas Lottery Commission Charitable Bingo Director Billy Atkins. "With the almost-\$30 million in distributions that were made in calendar year 2004, the total that charities have received since 1982 is now more than \$773.6 million."

Charitable distributions derived from bingo activities in Texas benefit a broad spectrum of charities, from veteran groups to volunteer fire departments to libraries and numerous others.

More than 1,300 charitable organizations are licensed to conduct bingo in Texas.

For more information about Charitable Bingo, visit www.txbingo.org.

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