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BINGO GROSS RECEIPTS UP YEAR-OVER-YEAR THROUGH THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2011

(Austin) – The Texas Lottery Commission Charitable Bingo Operations Division (CBOD) announced today that gross receipts for the first three quarters of 2011 exceeded \$536 million, more than a \$5 million increase as compared to the same period in calendar year 2010.

“It is good to see an increase in receipts, but that is only part of the story,” said Texas Lottery Commission Charitable Bingo Operations Director Philip Sanderson. “It is the \$22 million in charitable distributions that really helps communities around the state.”

The following chart shows a comparison of activity in charitable bingo during the first three quarters of calendar years 2010 and 2011:

	2010	2011
Total Gross Receipts	\$ 530,956,780	\$ 536,424,449
Total Prizes	\$ 398,938,466	\$ 404,850,584
Net Proceeds	\$ 23,532,379	\$23,188,955
Charitable Distributions	\$ 27,085,614	\$ 22,394,677

There are currently 1,096 active bingo licensees in Texas. These charitable organizations have held more than 100,000 bingo occasions this year, with a total attendance exceeding 12 million.

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“Bingo players have received more than \$404 million in prizes while helping our licensees contribute to worthy causes in their communities,” said Sanderson. “We stand by our mission to provide authorized organizations the opportunity to raise funds for their charitable purposes by conducting bingo, to determine that all charitable bingo funds are used for a lawful purpose, and to promote and maintain the integrity of the charitable bingo industry throughout Texas.”

For more information about charitable bingo, please visit the official CBOD website at **www.txbingo.org**.

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