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## **2011 BINGO RECEIPTS AND PRIZES UP AS COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR**

(Austin) – The Texas Lottery Commission Charitable Bingo Operations Division (CBOD) announced today that gross receipts for the first and second quarters of 2011 exceeded \$361 million, more than a \$2.6 million increase as compared to the same period in calendar year 2010. The gross receipts helped bingo licensees distribute almost \$15.9 million for charitable purposes.

“These distributions make a real difference for the non-profits,” said Texas Lottery Commission Charitable Bingo Operations Director Philip Sanderson. “Additionally, bingo players have benefitted from the \$271 million in prizes paid out so far in 2011.”

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

	2010	2011
<b>Total Gross Receipts</b>	\$358,532,814	\$361,162,627
<b>Charitable Distributions</b>	\$18,856,264	\$15,894,091
<b>Pull Tab Sales</b>	\$170,861,025	\$178,441,379
<b>Pull Tab Prizes</b>	\$122,510,959	\$127,958,493
<b>Regular Prizes</b>	\$145,208,039	\$143,171,190
<b>Total Prizes</b>	\$267,718,998	\$271,129,683

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There are currently 1088 active bingo licensees in Texas. These charitable organizations have held 117 more bingo occasions this year than were held in the first two quarters of 2010, with a total attendance of more than 8.3 million.

“Bingo players get to enjoy a fun game with deep roots throughout Texas, while helping our licensees contribute to worthy causes in their communities,” said Sanderson. “To that end, we value 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](http://www.txbingo.org)**.

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