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## **2009 CHARITABLE BINGO GROSS RECEIPTS HIGHEST EVER**

(AUSTIN) –Calendar year 2009 has proven to be the highest-grossing ever for charitable bingo since the game was legalized in 1981, with total receipts surpassing \$693 million and players winning a record \$518 million in prizes.

“With total receipts of \$693 million, an \$8 million increase over last year, charitable organizations were better able to provide services to their constituencies,” said Texas Lottery Commission Director of Charitable Bingo, Philip Sanderson. “Charitable distributions also increased for the sixth consecutive year, as organizations reported they distributed \$36 million for their charitable purposes.” Total distributions since 1981 now exceed \$937 million.”

The following chart will show a comparison of activity in charitable bingo during the last two calendar years:

	2009	2008
Total Gross Receipts	\$692,927,554	\$685,418,665
Charitable Distributions	\$ 35,834,421	\$ 32,852,800
Pull Tab Sales	\$318,705,640	\$305,659,183
Pull Tab Prizes	\$229,887,909	\$221,070,862
Regular Sales	\$374,221,914	\$379,759,482
Regular Prizes	\$288,368,440	\$291,750,934
Total Prizes	\$518,256,349	\$513,089,176

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“Since 1981, nearly 647 million persons have attended bingo occasions,” Sanderson said. “The numbers speak for themselves, proving that charitable bingo continues to be a popular pastime for many Texans.”

There were 1,255 non-profits that conducted charitable bingo games during 2009.

For more information about charitable bingo, please visit the official Texas charitable bingo Web site at <http://www.txbingo.org>

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