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Net Proceeds Benefit Local Charities

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## Hangman's Awards \$76,000 to Local Charities

FORT WORTH – Hangman's House of Horrors has turned scares into smiles by awarding \$76,000 to local charities this week, the proceeds from another spooktacular season. A generous \$15,000 was generated for each of five primary charities, with an additional \$1000 awarded to the Tarrant County Sheriff's Reserves.

Net proceeds from Hangman's benefit local charities, all of which are non-profit, 501c-3 organizations. Hangman's 2010 beneficiaries include the American Cancer Society, a Wish with Wings, Cenikor Foundation, Rocky Top Therapy Center and SafeHaven of Tarrant County. All funds will remain in Tarrant County for local programs and services.

"Hangman's is the largest third-party event contributor to the American Cancer Society in Tarrant County," said Wendy Carter, the agency's Director of Development. "Their generous giving spirit year after year allows us to help so many cancer survivors and their families. We really think they should change their name to Hangman's House of Hope!"

"We are honored to be a partner with Hangman's," said Michael Hathcoat, Director of Cenikor – Fort Worth. "The men and women in our treatment program are able to volunteer with building and decorating the house. They gain so much by working for a common goal, sharing with others in the community and learning how to have fun in their recovery."

Pat Fleming, Executive Director of Rocky Top Therapy Center added, "Hangman's has an amazing group of volunteers who give their time and creative talents each year to support each of us. What a privilege to be among these great local organizations to learn, grow and help one another."

"Thank you is simply not enough to convey our gratitude," stated Judy Youngs, Executive Director of a Wish with Wings. "With these tough economic times for nonprofits, this gift from Hangman's is truly a 'gift of love'."

In 2010, Hangman's House of Horrors celebrated its 22<sup>nd</sup> year as the top charity-benefiting haunted house in the nation. To date, the house has entertained over half a million patrons and donated over \$1.7 million to local charities. The house is staffed completely by volunteers. This season, 1500 volunteers and 200 companies supported the project.

Visitors can enjoy "Frightening Fun in February" as Hangman's House of Horrors opens February 3-5, 2011, for a very special showing to honor Super Bowl XLV. Produced by La-De-Da Productions, Hangman's is located at I-30 and Forest Park Boulevard, one mile west of downtown Fort Worth.

Hangman's is featured annually on the *Travel Channel's* "America's Scariest Halloween Attractions." The house was recently named as a "Best of Fort Worth" Tourist Attraction by the U.S. Commerce Association and highlighted as one of the country's "Halloween Hot Spots" by *Family Circle* magazine.

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