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Hangman's Awards \$81,400 to Local Charities

FORT WORTH – Hangman's House of Horrors has turned scares into smiles by awarding \$81,400 to local charities this week, the proceeds from another spooktacular season. A generous \$16,000 was generated for each of five primary charities, with \$1400 awarded to additional area non-profits.

Net proceeds from Hangman's benefit local charities, all of which are non-profit, 501c-3 organizations. Hangman's 2008 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 gift brings us to a year end that none expected," said SafeHaven President and CEO Mary Lee Hafley. "The plummeting economy results in more domestic violence incidences and a sharp increase in victims seeking support. The awareness and financial support Hangman's has generated for us is invaluable. Hangman's is a community staple, safe for many ages. We are honored to be associated with this event."

Hangman's is the largest third-party event contributor to the American Cancer Society in North Texas. "Hangman's is an amazing event with an even more amazing heart for its community," stated Wendy Carter, the Society's Director of Development.

Kim Christian, Executive Director of a Wish with Wings added, "I do not know of any other event that gives back so much to the community and does so with such a joyful heart. Hangman's tremendous gift will make many Wishes come true for Texas children facing life-threatening diseases and an uncertain future."

Judy Youngs, Director of Development of Rocky Top Therapy Center concurred. "Hangman's generous contribution enables us to provide both youth and adults the opportunity to participate in our therapeutic riding and hippotherapy programs, regardless of financial ability. We are so grateful for their support."

In 2008, Hangman's House of Horrors celebrated its 20th 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 \$1.6 million to local charities. Recipient charities are selected annually by Hangman's "Core" volunteers, those volunteers who contributed a minimum of 40 hours to the project. The current Core group includes 152 volunteers who gave an average of 125 hours to this year's event.

Hangman's is recognized nationally as a premiere haunted attraction, having been named as one of the top in the nation by MSNBC and *Family Circle* magazine, and featured for the past three years on the Travel Channel. This month, Hangman's was awarded the 2008 "Best of Fort Worth" by the U.S. Local Business Association for enhancing the positive image of small business through service to their customers and the community.

Hangman's House of Horrors, produced by La-De-Da Productions, is located one mile west of downtown Fort Worth. The annual production involves over 1000 adult volunteers and 200 companies who contribute time, talent and supplies to this tremendously successful endeavor.

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