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The Charities

- Schools and school PTOs, sports and band boosters
- Community Organizations such as Kiwanis, Lions, Optimist, and Rotary Clubs
- Veterans organizations such as American Legions, VFW
- Fraternal organizations such as Elks, Moose
- Religious organizations such as parishes, schools, and Knights of Columbus
- Animal Shelters

... and many, many more.

The Types of Charitable Gaming

Oversight & Regulation by Michigan Lottery, Charitable Gaming Division (michigan.gov/cg)

- **Raffles**
- **Bingo**
- **Charity Game Tickets** (pull tabs)

In FY2025, thousands of qualified charitable organizations engaged in charitable gaming activities resulting in **net profits to charities of approximately $7.0 million**.

Oversight & Regulation by Michigan Gaming Control Board (michigan.gov/mgcb)

- **Millionaire Parties** (charity poker)

In calendar year 2025, a total of 1,343 Millionaire Party even licenses were issued to 433 qualified charitable organizations. This resulted in the sales of approximately $65.4 million in chips at Millionaire Parties, **with net profits to charities of approximately $5.4 million**.





The Good for Michigan Communities

- Charitable gaming allows Michigan charitable organizations to provide a wide variety of programs and services.
- Through these events, an organization can take in as much as $20,000+ per year. Although this may appear to be an insignificant amount, to many charities it represents the majority of their fundraising efforts and puts the money directly back into the community.
- Examples of what is funded through charitable gaming fundraising are: books in schools, academic scholarships, transportation for the disabled, eyeglasses for the visually impaired, food for kids, and improvements of state and local parks.

The Law

- Traxler-McCauley-Law-Bowman Bingo Act, Act 382 of 1972
- Raffles, Bingo, Charity Game Tickets Rules & Directives
- Millionaire Party Administrative Rules

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ABOUT US

MiCGA is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit trade association, incorporated in the State of Michigan in 2008. MiCGA membership is comprised of charitable organization and licensed suppliers throughout the state. MiCGA is the voice of the charitable gaming industry in the State of Michigan.

OUR MISSION

MiCGA's mission is to advocate for and educate our members, legislators, and the general public on matters related to charitable gaming, so as to preserve the positive impact charitable gaming has on our communities.

OUR PURPOSE

- Maintain the long-term stability of charitable fundraising in Michigan through education, collaboration, and legislation.
- Improve and streamline conditions for charities and other organizations engaged in charitable fundraising.
- Serve as a spokesperson for its members at the local, state, and federal level.
- Collaborate with legislators, the Charitable Gaming Division of the Michigan Lottery, and the Michigan Gaming Control Board on legislation that impacts charitable gaming activities.
- Help charities better understand the qualification, application, and licensing processes.

MiCGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Charitable Gaming Priorities

MILLIONAIRE PARTIES

- Allow locations to be open 7 days a week (statutorily can only be open 4 days a week
- Raise chip limit from $20K to $40K, with annual inflationary increases
- Increase number of allowable event license days from 16 to 24
- Allow individual to serve as Chairperson of 2 qualified organizations
- Update antiquated advertising rules for licensed suppliers and charities

RAFFLES

- Provide clarity and guidance on selling of raffle tickets via the internet.
- Promote expanded use of raffle technology (e.g., hand-held devices currently used by universities and professional sports teams to sell 50/50 raffle tickets) and allow for multi-charity raffles

CHARITY GAME TICKETS

- Expand charity game ticket dispensers from just charity-owned locations to bars, restaurants, and other public-facing spaces

GENERAL

- Protect the tipped wage model and establish sustainable earned sick time guidelines that allow Michigan's small businesses and nonprofits to thrive while continuing to offer fair, competitive compensation.

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Gaming for Good

In addition to providing direct programs, services, and support to their communities, charitable organizations also play an important role in the health and well-being of their members and volunteers.

For the young and....

- Kids that volunteer were 34% more likely to be in excellent or good health, with 66% more likely to be flourishing (overall well-being).
- Kids that volunteer were 35% less likely to have behavioral problems and 25% less likely to have anxiety.
- And, 81% of adults who volunteered in their youth still support different charities financially and through volunteering.

More seasoned...

- In a national study of participants with the average age of 66, researchers found that adults who volunteer had a 44% reduced risk of mortality, 17% reduced risk of physical functioning limitation, and higher self-rated health.
- Another study found improved or stable health (84%), less depression (78%), decease in feelings of isolation (88%), and improvement in companionship (71%).

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