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## Rainbow Connection Charity Benefits from Quake on the Lake Success

**Pontiac MI, Nov. 13, 2008** – Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has accepted a \$32,000 donation on behalf of the Rainbow Connection Charity he founded from organizers of the annual Quake on the Lake hydroplane races on Pontiac Lake in Waterford/White Lake Township.

“This wonderful donation will help make wishes come true for several children who are facing serious health challenges,” Patterson said. “I am extremely grateful to the good folks at Quake on the Lake for their hard work, kindness and generosity.”

The \$32,000 is the largest donation ever received from the Quake on the Lake for the Rainbow Connection. It will help fund 6 wishes plus enable the Quake on the Lake’s Wish Child, 14 year old Autumn, a high school sophomore, to realize her dream of a trip to Hawaii.

“This donation represents the hard work and dedication of our Board of Directors, tireless hours from our wonderful team of volunteers and, of course, the tremendous support of our generous sponsors and community business owners who never waver with their loyalty to this awesome event,” said Dale Hampshire, Chairman of the Oakland County Community Club, the event’s producer.

Quake on the Lake teamed up this year with the Malibu Open, an international water skiing and wakeboarding competition, to draw a record crowd of 35,000 people during the three day event.

Plans are underway for next summer’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual “Quake on the Lake” APBA Inboard Hydroplane Races featuring the Eastern Divisionals which is set for July 17, 18 and 19, 2009. For more information, check out [www.QuakeOnTheLake.org](http://www.QuakeOnTheLake.org).



**CUT LINE FOR PHOTO:**

*Patterson accepts check on behalf of Rainbow Connection from Quake on the Lake Board of Directors.*

*Pictured left to right are Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Michael Draska, Suzanne Massey, “Racer Bob” Dabrowski, Mary Anne Wilson, Dale Hampshire and Joe Wolf. Board members not pictured include: Michael Kowall, Carmen Talbot, Lani Farmer and Mark Gibbs.*