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Emerson Teats

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## **Mickey Mouse Club House Birthday Bash**

**December 13, 2007 Rochester, MI** – For 5 year old Emerson Teats of Rochester Hills, taking a trip to Disney World to meet Mickey Mouse is a dream come true! The Rainbow Connection, a nonprofit charity granting wishes since 1985 to Michigan children who suffer from life threatening diseases, will make that dream come true for Emerson's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday in January.

While still in the womb Emerson was diagnosed with Hypoplastic left heard syndrome, a condition in which the blood doesn't pump properly. He underwent three open-heart surgeries in the first two years of his life. It was during a recent medical treatment that his mother Jill Teats learned about the Rainbow Connection from a nurse practitioner at The Detroit Medical Center. When asked by his mother "if he could go anywhere or do anything what would it be, Emerson quickly responded "I want to go to Mickey Mouse's club house."

Come January, The Rainbow Connection located in Rochester, will send Emerson and the whole family to Disney World for a week of pampering, fun, and quality time together. They will enjoy passes to all 7 Disney parks, a week stay at Give Kids the World Village and limo service to and from the airport.

The Rainbow Connection is more than just a wish. While waiting his birthday dream to come true Emerson and his family got the once in a lifetime opportunity to see the Rochester Christmas parade from high atop Santa's lap as Santa rode his sleigh down Main Street.

The Rainbow Connection is more than a wish, offering support services, information and referral, special holiday get-togethers and picnics, and college scholarships for wish children. Founded in 1985 by L. Brooks Patterson in memory of his best friend and two children who died in a plane crash, The Rainbow Connection is a Michigan-based 501c3 charity dedicated to granting wishes for Michigan children who are literally fighting for their lives. To date, The Rainbow Connection has granted over 1700 wishes to children across Michigan suffering from life-threatening or terminal illnesses. From something as simple as a new computer to meeting the President of the United States at the White House, to the most requested wish of all, a trip to Disney World, we grant wishes throughout the year.

The Rainbow Connection receives no federal funds and depends exclusively on the kind generosity of our supporters. Eighty-six cents of every dollar goes to granting Michigan children a wish.

**If you'd like more information about The Rainbow Connection, or to schedule an interview, please call 248-601-9474  
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