

CONNECTICUT FCRV SUPPORTS “MAKE A WISH”



Photo Caption: Ct. State Directors, Mark & Anne Brayman are shown presenting a check to Ray Andro, owner of Hemlock Hill RV & Organizer of the M.A.W. Fundraiser. Also shown are Caroline Maselli (center) FCRV Auction Co-ordinator, Jim Sygrove, CT. State Treasurer, and Bob Lamontagne (behind Jim & Anne) FCRV Make A Wish Chairman.

For the sixth Year in a row, members of Ct. Family Campers & RVers donated a fantastic amount of money for “*Make A Wish.*”..... Hemlock Hill RV, located in Southington, Ct. annually runs a benefit for the purpose of raising money to support the wishes of usually terminally ill Children. This Fundraiser, held at the Terryville Ct. Fairgrounds at the end of September, is camping orientated. Many Ct. camping clubs participate ; but the last five (5) years, FCRV has managed to raise the most money of all the clubs. At the three (3) day event, the total amount of money, raised this year, was a phenomenal \$40,200.00,. This amount will sponsor six (6) children with their special wish. Family Campers & RVers themselves donated \$12,000.00. We raise money throughout the year by many different ways. At this years Campvention, CT. FCRV member Hank Chabot made & sold swiveling flag poles and the money raised was part of our overall donation. At Spring & Fall Rallies Breakfast sandwiches were sold for M.A.W..... At every meeting the hat was passed with all members putting in a dollar or two; but the main source of raising money is through their annual auction which this Year raised over

\$9,000.00. The items for the auction were solicited from local businesses throughout Connecticut . This annual fundraiser is a joint effort by almost all members of the Family Campers Club. This Year, thirty six (36) families camped out over the three (3) Day weekend at Terryville; and the day of the auction, at least another 40 members came for the day just to help out at the auction, serve food to the 400 people attending or bid on the Auction items that were available. Even State Director, Mark Brayman, was one of the auctioneers. At the end of the event all Family Campers & RVers stood with pride when Kim Smith, Director of Special Events for Make A Wish. acknowledged the spectacular accomplishment of the FCRV Connecticut Camping Club

Respectfully Submitted
Bob & Gloria Lamontagne.
FCRV M.A.W. Chairman