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## Lake Compounce Auctions First Ride for ‘Give Kids The World’ Charity

**BRISTOL/SOUTHINGTON, CT (April 20, 2006)** - Lake Compounce Family Theme Park, America’s oldest amusement park and Connecticut’s largest water park, is set to open on Saturday, May 13, 2006 for its 160<sup>th</sup> consecutive season. To kick off the upcoming season, the park is working with WTIC-FM radio, in Hartford, to auction off seats for the first ride on “Thunder N’ Lightning”, the thrilling new “screaming swing” ride. All proceeds from the auction will be donated to Give Kids The World.

Give Kids The World (GKTW) Village is a non-profit resort that creates magical memories for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. Wish-granting organizations coordinate transportation to Orlando, Florida, while Give Kids The World provides accommodations at its whimsical resort, donated tickets to various attractions, and meals for a week-long, cost free fantasy vacation. Since its founding in 1986, Give Kids The World has welcomed families from all 50 states and 53 different countries around the world.

**30 seats will be auctioned off for “Thunder N’ Lightning’s” debut ride. Each item for bid will be ONE seat and TWO admission tickets (one for the rider and one for a guest) to the park on opening day.**

The Auction will begin **April 24, 2006**, two weeks before the opening of the park, during Damon Scott’s daily show from **3pm-7pm** on 96.5 WTIC-FM. Callers are encouraged to call in during these hours to place their bids. Interviews with Pam Landwirth, President of Give Kids The World, will be played throughout the auction to emphasize the benefits of the resort and all the work it does.

**ABOUT LAKE COMPOUNCE:**

Lake Compounce, New England’s Family Theme Park, is the oldest amusement park in North America and is owned by Kennywood Entertainment of Pittsburgh, PA. Kennywood assumed control of the park in 1996 and has invested more than \$60 million in rides and attractions. Celebrating its 160<sup>th</sup> season, Lake Compounce will introduce a new ride in 2006. “Thunder N’ Lightning” is a screaming swing with two giant swinging arms that will hold 32 passengers and will catapult riders to heights of almost 100 feet at 60 miles per hour, with four G’s of force.