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Connecticut State Police Divers Raise \$11,543 For The Connecticut Children's Medical Center

On November 4th, 2004 at 2 p.m., the Connecticut State Police will be presenting a check to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center for **\$11,543.64!!** Highly motivated members of the Connecticut State Police Dive Team raised this money during this years Eastern States Exposition that ran September 17 through October 3.

A formal check presentation will take place at the Children's Medical Center in the **Hematology and Oncology Unit on Thursday 11/04/04 at 2:00 p.m.**

For several years the State Police Dive Team's exhibit has proven to be one of the favorite stops for visitors to the "Big E." The elite team of divers showcase their knowledge and skills in a 2900-gallon dive-training tank. Last year this team challenged itself to add a stationary bicycle to the tank and ride underwater, everyday, during the entire event. Their efforts proved highly successful. This year, new goals were set to exceed last years total donations received and to surpass the total miles accumulated on the bicycle. The outpouring of support for this fund raising event was incredible! Donations nearly doubled from last year, totaling **\$11,543.64** and the dive team members rode for a combined **2,081.6 miles!** Team members challenged one another as well, and a record time of continuous pedaling was set by the unit's Commanding Officer, Master Sergeant Daniel Lewis who logged 55 miles in 4 hours of continuous underwater pedaling!

The State Police Dive Team and CCMC staff would like to thank everyone who donated time or made monetary contributions to make this event a great success for a great cause! A special thank you is also extended to The Schwinn Fitness Group, who, through The Omni Fitness Center of Orange, CT generously donated the bicycle used in this event.

This presentation is open to the media. Media personnel are asked to enter CCMC through the main entrance to obtain a security escort to the conference room.

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