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MSU FORMULA RACING TEAM TO RACE FOR THE BENEFIT OF MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® OF MICHIGAN

EAST LANSING, Mich. April 2, 2008 – Engineering students at Michigan State University will race their custom-made Formula SAE car this summer for more than bragging rights: They hope to raise enough money to give a child suffering from a life-threatening disease a wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.

The Michigan State University Formula Racing Team, a volunteer group of students who design and fabricate a half-sized Formula One car to learn practical lessons in automotive engineering, has begun to seek pledges based on the number of laps this year's entry will complete at races in Michigan and California. All of the proceeds from the pledges will be donated directly to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.

"Our team has done very well against other universities internationally in this competition, and now we have an even stronger reason to compete successfully," said Adam Zemke, operations manager for the team. "We hope to fulfill the dream of a child who is facing some truly serious challenges."

Zemke said the team will be soliciting pledges based on the number of laps that Car 51 will make in endurance competitions at Michigan International Speedway in Irish Hills on May 17 and at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, California on June 28. The MSU Formula Racing Team has the potential of making a total of 44 laps if it competes in both races and finishes both races. The team hopes to raise \$5,000, which is average cost of a wish through the Foundation.

Since its inception in 1984, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan -- a chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of America -- has brought joy into the lives of thousands of people in our Michigan community through its important wish-granting mission. The Foundation has granted more than 5,300 wishes in its 24 year history and grants over 400 wishes annually.

"We are very pleased that the MSU Formula Racing Team is supporting our cause," said Kedrin Gall, Manager of Community Development of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. "We have every bit of confidence in the team's ability to raise the funds for a wish, given their track record in past races."

Cars fabricated and raced by MSU students have been featured over the past two years at the North American International Auto Show, in Popular Science magazine and on the Jay Leno's Garage website.

The races are sponsored through the Society of Automotive Engineers to encourage college students to become involved in automotive design and engineering. Michigan State's team is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit student-run organization whose purpose is to promote collegiate education through the design, manufacturing and marketing of a small, open wheel racecar. The team is funded solely through cash and in-kind donations by sponsors and run entirely by students at MSU.

More information can be found through the Race for a Cause website: www.race-cause.com or through the team MSU Formula Racing Team's website: www.msuforumularacing.com. Specific questions can be answered by contacting Adam Zemke, MSU Formula Racing Team, at 734-645-3186.

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