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SkyWest Airlines' Tenth Annual Mini Indy puts Charity on Fast Track

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St. George, Utah, Feb. 11, 2010 – Yes, it's better than NASCAR: pit crews, speedsters and adrenaline-junkies around the world are preparing for SkyWest Airlines' tenth annual Mini Indy, sponsored by the City of St. George and Dixie State College. On Saturday, March 13, nearly 30 go-cart teams will battle it out on the raceway at Dixie State College's Encampment Mall. From the greens to the race track, sponsors compete for a cause – and have contributed nearly \$1 million to local charities in Mini Indy's ten-year history.

"SkyWest believes in supporting the communities where we live and work, and Mini Indy brings companies from all over the world to our home town," said Chip Childs, SkyWest Airlines President and COO. "In its ten years, Mini Indy will generate nearly \$1 million for scholarship and local charities."

Mini Indy begins with a private golf tournament for sponsors at the renowned greens of Entrada golf course, set against the red cliffs and lava rock backdrop found only in Utah's Dixie. A United Way banquet and pit crew competition precede the event's pinnacle: race day.

The race begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 13, on a course encircling Dixie State College's Encampment Mall. Here, racers will compete for the champion trophy in a series of heats throughout the day. Members of the media are encouraged to attend the race.

Nearly 40 companies from around the world will participate in Mini Indy and its surrounding events. On race day, teams will push their go-carts to the limit in pursuit of Mini Indy fame. Each car, with its high performance five-horsepower engine, will reach maximum speeds close to 30 miles per hour.

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About Mini Indy

SkyWest's Mini Indy brings local, national and international businesses to St. George for a three-day charity event that mixes fun with fundraising. The event generates funds for United Way Dixie, which in return sustains generous contributions to a number of Washington County-based charitable organizations and community programs, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Doctor's Volunteer Clinic. In 2009, the event raised nearly \$100,000 for SkyWest's scholarship fund and United Way Dixie. Since inception, SkyWest has donated nearly \$1 million to United Way Dixie, and SkyWest's scholarship fund has awarded more than 400 scholarships to help SkyWest family members achieve their educational goals. For more about Mini Indy, visit www.miniindy.org.

Editor's Note

Members of the media are encouraged to attend and cover the racing event of the decade. High-resolution images of Mini Indy, as well as logos and event schedules are available upon request.

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