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### **Drivers, Start Your Engines!**

*SkyWest Airlines' 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mini Indy puts Charity on the Fast Track*

#### **For Immediate Release**

**St. George, Utah, Feb. 21, 2011** – Pit crews, adrenaline-junkies, and racing speeds up to 27 miles per hour can only mean one thing: SkyWest Airlines' eleventh annual Mini Indy!

In partnership with the City of St. George, the SkyWest Airlines' annual Mini Indy is an opportunity for businesses from around the world to compete for a cause. From the greens to the race track, sponsors have contributed nearly \$1 million to local charities and scholarships in event's eleven-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.

Nearly 40 businesses from around the world will participate in Mini Indy and its surrounding events, which include a private golf tournament and scramble at Sunbrook Golf Course, the pit crew competition, a race dinner sponsored by United Way Dixie and more!

The race will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 25 where teams will push their go-carts to the limit in pursuit of Mini Indy fame. This year's participants will take advantage of the new race track at the former SGU airport complete with new speedway challenges. The racers will compete for the championship trophy in a series of heats throughout the day.

Members of the media are encouraged to attend the race. To find out more about SkyWest's Mini Indy, or to see the 2010 race highlights, visit [www.miniindy.org](http://www.miniindy.org).

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### **About SkyWest Airlines**

SkyWest Airlines is the world's largest independently-owned regional airline. With a fleet of nearly 300 aircraft, SkyWest's more than 11,000 aviation professionals operate more than 1,700 flights each day to 159 destinations throughout North America. As a leading air service provider offering global access to mid-size communities, SkyWest partners with the world's largest network carriers including United Airlines, Delta Air Lines, AirTran Airways and Alaska Airlines. SkyWest is known for its industry-leading workforce, exceptional leadership team, and continued solid operational and economic performance. The airline is headquartered in St. George, Utah.

### **About Mini Indy**

SkyWest's Mini Indy brings local, national and international businesses to St. George for a 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. Since inception, SkyWest has donated more than half a 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](http://www.miniindy.org).

### **Editor's Note**

Media are encouraged to attend and cover the airline industry's premier charity race. Photo and interview opportunities will be available all day; please contact Brooke Heath at 435.634.3545 to secure your media pass. High-resolution images of Mini Indy, as well as logos and event schedules are available upon request.

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