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## **Mini Indy 2008: Racers Rev Their Engines!**

### **For Immediate Release**

**St. George, UT, February 27, 2008** – Racers around the world are getting ready to rev their engines for SkyWest Airlines' eighth annual Mini Indy, sponsored by the City of St. George and Dixie State College. Nearly 45 go-cart teams will battle it out on the raceway on Saturday, March 15 at Dixie State College's Encampment Mall.

"Mini Indy has undoubtedly secured its place as the premier racing event for charity," said Mini Indy Chairman Todd Wilkinson. "Not only do we donate to United Way Dixie, but proceeds from the year golf tournament and 4-wheeler giveaway contribute to SkyWest's scholarship fund."

Nearly 45 companies from all around the world participate in Mini Indy to compete for the coveted Mini Indy championship trophy. Each team, complete with its own pit crew, will push their cars 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.

The charity weekend kicks-off with a private golf tournament for race teams and other sponsorship groups at the renowned Entrada golf course. Here, teams enjoy great golf, networking and competition in the Dixie sun.

The event's pinnacle begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 15, when racers will compete for the champion trophy in a series of heats throughout the day on a course encircling Dixie State College's Encampment Mall. Spectators are welcome to attend.

"Mini Indy brings our employees, vendors and community together – all in the name of charity," said Chip Childs, SkyWest Airlines president and COO. "With this year's race bringing more teams than ever before, it promises to be an unforgettable and successful event."

For more about Mini Indy 2008, the airline industry's premier racing event for charity, rev up your engines and head over to [www.miniindy.org](http://www.miniindy.org).

### **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

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charitable organizations and community programs, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Doctor's Free Clinic. In 2007, the event raised more than \$80,000 for SkyWest's scholarship fund and United Way Dixie. Since inception, SkyWest's scholarship fund has awarded 167 scholarships to help SkyWest family members achieve their educational goals.

**About SkyWest Airlines**

SkyWest Airlines, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW) is the world's largest independently-owned regional airline. SkyWest was awarded the FAA's AMT Gold Award for maintenance training in 2004 and 2005, and the AMT Diamond award in 2006. System-wide, SkyWest employs more than 11,000 aviation professionals and serves a total of 156 cities in 43 states, five Canadian provinces and Mexico with more than 1,700 daily departures.

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