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Mini Indy 2009: Racers Rev Their Engines!

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St. George, UT, March 3, 2009 – On your mark... get set... Racers around the world are getting ready to rev their engines for SkyWest Airlines' ninth annual Mini Indy, sponsored by the City of St. George and Dixie State College. On Saturday, March 14, nearly 35 go-cart teams will battle it out on the raceway at Dixie State College's Encampment Mall.

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 – race day – begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 14, 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. "Coming together and working towards a common goal is what SkyWest employees do best. And this event shows what truly sets us apart from other airlines and employers."

"For the ninth consecutive year, Mini Indy has secured its place as the premier racing event for charity," said Mini Indy Chairman Todd Wilkinson. "In challenging economic times, these donations to United Way Dixie and SkyWest's scholarship fund are more important than ever."

Nearly 45 companies from all around the world participate in Mini Indy. From the golf tournament to the glory of race day, companies enjoy camaraderie, competition and fun in the Dixie sun. On race day, 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.

For more about Mini Indy 2009, the airline industry's premier racing event for charity, rev up your engines and head over to www.miniindy.org.

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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 Free Clinic. In 2008, the event raised nearly \$100,000 for SkyWest's scholarship fund and United Way Dixie. Since inception, SkyWest has donated nearly \$450,000 to United Way Dixie and SkyWest's scholarship fund has awarded 215 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, 2005 and 2008 and the AMT Diamond award in 2006 and 2007. System-wide, SkyWest employs more than 10,000 aviation professionals and serves a total of 152 cities in 39 states, five Canadian provinces and Mexico with nearly 1,600 daily departures.

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