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Mini Indy 2009 Set to Shift Into High Gear

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St. George, UT, March 6, 2009 – Mini Indy 2009 is about to shift into high gear! On Saturday, March 14, the City of St. George and Dixie State College will host racers from around the globe as they participate in SkyWest Airlines' ninth annual Mini Indy. Proceeds from the wheel-for-wheel competition go to United Way Dixie.

"With race day just around the corner, the excitement is mounting for another successful Mini Indy," said Mini Indy chairman Todd Wilkinson. "It's a ball for everyone involved, and it's all in the name of charity."

First teams will show off their "driving skills" on Thursday, March 12 at the renowned Entrada golf course. Proceeds from the private, shotgun-style golf scramble benefit SkyWest's scholarship fund. Then, racers will test their need for speed on Friday, March 13 with practice heats and pit stop competitions. Racers will then enjoy a night of food and fun at a private charity banquet and auction.

The adrenaline-pumping race kicks off on Saturday, March 14. The Dixie State Encampment Mall will be transformed into an ultimate racetrack where nearly 35 teams made up of SkyWest's vendors and employees will compete for the coveted Mini Indy Championship. Members of the community and press are invited to attend.

Since its inception, Mini Indy has raised more than \$800,000 for United Way Dixie and nearly \$145,000 for SkyWest's scholarship fund resulting in 215 scholarships. For more information on the turbo charged charity event, head over to 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 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.

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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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