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## **Ready, Set, Go-karts! Annual Mini Indy Charity Race is March 23**

**ST. GEORGE, Utah March 12, 2018** – SkyWest Airlines welcomes businesses from around the world to St. George for Southern Utah’s premier charity event: Mini Indy! The event runs from March 21-23 and raises money for local charities in partnership with United Way Dixie. Over the past 18 years, SkyWest Mini Indy has raised more than \$1 million to support countless families and individuals through United Way in Southern Utah, including The Learn Center for Families, KidSpace After School Program, Big Brothers Big Sister of Southern Utah, SwitchPoint Community Resource Center, Habitat for Humanity Builds, The Doctors Volunteer Clinic of St. George and The DOVE Center.

“We’re proud that Mini Indy has helped SkyWest contribute so much to our community,” said SkyWest, Inc. CEO and President Chip Childs. “Eighteen years ago, it was just a small go-kart race, but now it’s the industry’s premier charity event attracting local and global businesses,” he continued. “We’re excited to welcome back these teams and we’re looking forward to enjoy a great round of golf, racing and raising money for charity.”

The charity event kicks-off on March 21 with a private golf tournament for event sponsors at the renowned Sand Hollow golf course. Teams enjoy a great day of golf, camaraderie and competition. Following the golf tournament, on March 22, teams have a practice race day and compete in pit crew competitions.

Racers will start their engines for the main event at the “Ridgetop Raceway” (former SGU airport) on Friday, March 23 at 10 a.m. sharp. In a series of races throughout the day, teams will push their go-karts to the limit in pursuit of becoming the 2018 Mini Indy Grand Champion! This year, 27 teams will be racing the exhilarating course that includes tight turns, top speed pit stops and an always thrilling finish line.

Media members are invited to attend the race, where they can meet with the teams and experience Mini Indy first hand. Photo, video and interview opportunities will be available. Learn more about SkyWest's Mini Indy, and check out photos and race highlights from past events at [www.miniindy.org](http://www.miniindy.org).

### **About SkyWest Airlines**

With 13,000 aviation professionals operating over 2,100 daily flights, SkyWest Airlines connects millions of passengers each month to 235 destinations across North America. SkyWest operates in partnership with Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, American Airlines and Alaska Airlines and has a fleet of 424 aircraft. Headquartered in St. George, Utah, SkyWest's industry-leading workforce and excellent leadership team have consistently generated solid operational and economic performance, setting the standard for excellence in the regional industry. For more information visit [www.skywest.com](http://www.skywest.com) or follow us on Twitter [@SkyWestAirlines](https://twitter.com/SkyWestAirlines).

### **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. Since the inception of this event, Mini Indy has raised more than \$1 million for United Way Dixie and the SkyWest Scholarship Fund, which in turn support a number of Washington County-based charitable organizations and community programs and advanced education. Visit [www.miniindy.org](http://www.miniindy.org) for more.

### **Editor's Note**

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover this fun-filled charity race. Photo and interview opportunities will be available all day. High-resolution images of the race, as well as logos and event schedules are available upon request. Please contact McKall Morris at 435.634.3557 to secure a media pass.

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