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The Countdown is On: Five Days to Mini Indy!

SkyWest Airlines' 11th annual Mini Indy takes place Friday, March 25

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St. George, Utah, March 21, 2011 – The countdown is on for SkyWest Airlines' 11th annual Mini Indy charity event! In just five days, racers from around the world will put the “pedal to the metal,” raising money for local charities. But don't be fooled by the go-carts; these racers take the event very seriously!

Members of the media* and community are invited to the former St. George airport this Friday, March 25, at 10 a.m. to watch the 37 teams take their go-carts to the limits at speeds up to 27 miles per hour in a battle for the coveted title of Mini Indy race Champions!

Teams will arrive throughout the week to participate in several additional events leading up to the race including a golf tournament, pit crew competition, barbeque cook off, race dinner and more – all in the name of charity.

“SkyWest works to give back to the communities we live and work in,” said Chip Childs, SkyWest Airlines President and COO. “Mini Indy is a great opportunity to do just that.”

The event, hosted by SkyWest Airlines and the City of St. George, has raised nearly one million dollars for charity, including United Way Dixie and the SkyWest Scholarship Fund since its inception in 2000. In turn, those organizations have helped countless individuals and families to overcome challenges.

To find out more about SkyWest's Mini Indy, or to see the 2010 race highlights, visit 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.

***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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