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## **SkyWest Airlines Prepares the Checkered Flag for 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mini Indy Charity Event**

### **For Immediate Release**

**St. George, Utah, Feb. 13, 2012** – What do high speed go-carts, businesses from around the world, and charity have in common? They are all part of SkyWest Airlines' Mini Indy! In the event's 12-year history, Mini Indy has raised more than \$800,000 for United Way Dixie, benefiting non-profit organizations throughout Washington County.

"SkyWest believes in supporting the communities where our more than 11,000 employees live and work," said Chip Childs, SkyWest Airlines President and COO. "And since St. George is where the SkyWest story began 40 years ago, we're pleased to hold our biggest charity event in our hometown."

SkyWest and the City of St. George will host more than thirty businesses and teams from around the world as they compete in Mini Indy and its surrounding events this March. From the private golf tournament at Sunbrook Golf Course to the race dinner and auction benefiting United Way, this year's Mini Indy promises thrills from start to finish.

The checkered flag will fly on Friday, March 23 at the former SGU airport – known to Mini Indy participants as "The Black Hill Speedway". There, more than 30 teams will push their go-carts to the limit in pursuit of Mini Indy fame. The event's adrenaline and fierce competition will take place in a series of heats throughout the day.

Members of the media are invited to attend the race and experience the excitement of Mini Indy first hand. To find out more about SkyWest's Mini Indy, or to see race highlights from the past years' events, visit [www.miniindy.org](http://www.miniindy.org).

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### **About SkyWest Airlines**

SkyWest Airlines celebrates forty years of flight in 2012. As a leading air service provider offering global access to millions of people each month, SkyWest partners with the world's largest network carriers including United Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Alaska Airlines and US Airways. With a fleet of 318 aircraft, SkyWest's more than 11,000 aviation professionals operate more than 1,600 flights each day to 156 destinations throughout North America. 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. For more information visit [www.skywest.com](http://www.skywest.com) or follow us on Twitter @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 helped raise more than \$800,000 through generous contributions from our supporters. The event generates funds for United Way Dixie, which in turn sustains generous contributions to a number of Washington County-based charitable organizations and community programs. Visit [www.miniindy.org](http://www.miniindy.org).

### **Editor's Note**

Media are invited to attend and cover this premier charity race. Photo and interview opportunities will be available all day; please contact Jessica Bowers at 435.634.3549 to secure your media pass. Additionally, high-resolution images of the Mini Indy race, as well as logos and event schedules are available upon request.

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