



RACING DRIVERS TO VISIT YOUNG FANS AT DOERNBECHER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL DURING MAZDA GRAND PRIX OF PORTLAND WEEKEND, JULY 25 – 27

Racing drivers competing in the Star Mazda Championship double-header at the Mazda Grand Prix of Portland will pay a visit to young fans at the Doernbecher Children's Hospital from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm on Friday, July 25.

The visit is being organized by the Racing for Kids® program. Founded in Detroit in 1989, Racing For Kids is designed to use the increasing popularity of motorsports to focus public attention and funding on the health care needs of children.

The hospital visits form the heart of the program. Racing For Kids drivers visit children in Children's Hospitals wherever they race. They spend time with each sick youngster answering questions about their sport, posing for pictures, signing autographs and handing out the distinctive Racing For Kids hats, coloring books and assorted memorabilia provide by our sponsors.

Racing For Kids representatives have visited with more than 15,000 young patients in nearly 350 hospitals in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Japan and Australia. In addition, nearly \$4 million has been raised through donations and specific fund raising events for children's hospitals and child health institutions and causes across the country. For further information, please visit www.RacingForKids.org or contact Ron Hingst at (734) 276-7237.

Doernbecher Children's Hospital is a children's hospital associated with Oregon Health & Science University. It was the first full-service children's hospital in the Pacific Northwest and provides full-spectrum pediatric care. The hospital opened in 1926 on Portland's Marquam Hill. Doernbecher Children's Hospital is located at 3610 South West U.S. Veterans Hospital Road. For hospital information, please contact Tamara Hargens at (503) 494-8653.



The Star Mazda Championship is the featured race at the Mazda Grand Prix of Portland. Drivers race in Indy-type open-wheel cars with a top speed of 150 mph and 0 to 60 mph acceleration of 2.8 seconds. Star Mazda is the college football of open-wheel auto racing, with graduates such as Indy-car stars Marco Andretti and Graham Rahal. For more information, visit www.starmazda.com or call Peter Frey at (818) 906.6997.

