



## RACING FOR KIDS AND STAR MAZDA DRIVERS VISIT PRIMARY CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER DURING MILLER MOTORSPORTS PARK RACE WEEKEND

Race drivers on the 2008 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear circuit kicked off a five city, five race series of Racing for Kids Children's Hospital visits with a visit in May to Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City featuring drivers Chris Cummings of Vancouver, Canada and Billy Goshen of Brea, California.



Cumming (left), who drives the #16 World Speed Motorsports/Inviro Medical Mazda and Goshen (right), driver of the #83 Goshen Motorsports/Merv Griffin Entertainment Mazda, visited with 20-25 youngsters signing autographs and handing out Racing for Kids hats and other racing memorabilia. The duo also signed racing memorabilia for another 30 patients that will be distributed at a later date.

In the race, British driver Charles Hall (below left), survived a multi-car pile up at the start of the 45-minute race and took second in the event and received a check for \$500 from Ron Hingst (right), Racing for Kids public relations director. Hall drives the #77 Andersen Racing/ Pardoes Solicitors/Allied Mazda. A check for \$500 also will be presented to Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City in Hall's name.



The Miller Motorsports Park event represented the first of five Star Mazda Championship races this year where drivers will make Racing for Kids Children's Hospital visits with a cash prize going to the top finishing RFK driver. Remaining Racing for Kids Star Mazda races include Portland, New Jersey, Atlanta and Laguna Seca.

Charles Hall of Great Britain, who finished second in the Star Mazda Race at Miller Motorsports Park, was the top finishing Racing for Kids driver and won a \$500 cash prize from RFK. Another \$500 will be donated to Primary Children's in Hall's name. A total of twelve Star Mazda drivers have signed up to date to participate in the Racing for Kids Children's Hospital visits. In addition to Cummings, Hall and Goshen, they are:

- Eric Freiberg - #14 World Speed Motorsports/Collision Damage Experts
- Joel Miller - #20 JDC Motorsports/Mazda/K&N Air Filters
- Tom Gaddis - #5 Andersen Racing/Law firm of Marrache & Co./Allied
- Alex Ardoin - #51 Mundill/Oral & Facial Surgery Center/Twister Trailer
- Taylor Hacquard - #15 World Speed Motorsports/Wolfe Auto Group
- Chuck Hulse - #12 JDC Motorsports/Silicon Salvage
- J.C. Kester - #24 Kester Racing/Texas World Speedway/Unifirst
- Kristy Kester - #48 Kester Racing/Texas World Speedway/Unifirst

Michele Baumgarner - #33 John Walko Racing/Spe3ctrum-OSO Asia/Oakley/Philippines  
Dept. of Tourism

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](http://www.RacingForKids.org).

