

Hospital Exec Gets Fast Ride To Work From Ryan Hunter-Reay --Sick Kids Get Visits From Hunter-Reay and Star Mazda Racer Anders Krohn

St. Petersburg, FL / Thursday, March 25 -- Andretti Autosport's Ryan Hunter-Reay gave Arnold Stenberg a fast ride to the hospital today. Hunter-Reay took the All Children's Executive Vice President and Chief Adminstrative Officer to the St. Petersburg facility in an IZOD IndyCar Series two seater race car. The two were greeted by 50 patients, siblings and parents waving checkered flags at the hospital's circular drive entrance.

The Racing For Kids event, marked the first VIP program at the new \$400 million hospital which opened in January. Stenberg had a major hand in the capital campaign to finance the state-of-the art facility.



Hunter-Reay was then joined by Star Mazda driver Anders Krohn, who drives for Anderson Racing, and the two spent nearly two hours visiting with 100 All Children's patients, posing for pictures, signing autographs, handing out Racing For Kids caps and answering questions about activity at this weekend's Honda Grand Prix of St.Petersburg.

"This was my first-ever Racing for Kids visit and I have to say it had a real effect on me," says Krohn, one of the top

drivers in the 2010 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear. "I went there to help cheer them up, and came away from the experience with a new viewpoint on life and the really small trouble that most of us have to deal with."

Said one All Children's nurse to the two drivers: "You have no idea how you helped these kids today. They will be smiling the rest of the day."

Friday Racing For Kids and The Honda Grand Prix of St .Petersburg staff will be entertaining 30 All Children's patients with their families for a "day at the track," including pit and paddock tours, grandstand seats and lunch at The Mahaffey Center. Both Hunter-Reay and Krohn invited their new fans to visit their transporters.

Star Mazda Championship & Racing for Kids

Racing for Kids, celebrating its 21th season of visiting sick kids in children's hospitals around the world, will team up with the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear for five driver visits to Children's Hospitals during the 2010 season. This marks the fifth season in a row that Racing for Kids and the Star Mazda Championship has worked together.

Racing for Kids was started in 1989 by now retired Indy Driver and current Indy Racing League Team owner Robbie Buhl and Dr. Bill PInsky, a pediatric cardiologist. Since the time, Racing for Kids has visited more than 20,000 sick kids and raised and donated more than \$5M to children's healthcare institutions. Due to the economy and budget restrictions, Racing for Kids / Star Mazda Championship Children's Hospital visits are planned for just two events, in St. Petersburg and Iowa Speedway in June.

Any individual or company that might be interested in donating to the Racing for Kids program can find additional information at <u>www.racingforkids.org</u> or by contacting Ron Hingst at <u>marketing@prservices.com</u> or 734-662-5544 / 734-276-7237 - cell