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TOYOTA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH RACERS' PLANNED PLAY DATE AT MILLER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, MAY INCLUDE CONSOLATION

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WHO:

Racers still plan to visit young patients at Miller Children's Hospital (a part of Long Beach Memorial Hospital) today, in spite of shootings and deaths, that occurred there yesterday.

Racer Who Cares spokesracer Tim Nickel [Fresno, CA], accompanied by fellow racers Robb Holland [Denver, CO], Brandon Davis [Denver, CO], and Drew Staveley [Walnut, CA], who will be in the Long Beach area to work at, or compete in, the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach (April 16 – 19, 2009), had a play date planned, that they fully intend to keep, with Long Beach's Miller Children's Hospital patients.

Nickel, Holland, Davis and Staveley, who now believe it is even more important for them to visit the young patients, sharing cheer, encouragement and sage insights.

WHEN:

2:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009

WHERE:

**MILLER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
AT LONG BEACH MEMORIAL
2801 ATLANTIC AVE.
LONG BEACH, CA 90806**



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TOYOTA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH

The Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach is an open-wheel race annually held on a temporary road course in Long Beach, California. It is a premier circuit in the IndyCar Series.

The Long Beach Grand Prix is the longest running major "street" race held on the North American continent. Attendance for the weekend regularly reaches or exceeds 200,000 people. And it is the single largest city of Long Beach event.

The Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach began in 1975 as a Formula 5000 race on the streets of downtown, then became a Formula One event the following year. Popular events featured during Grand Prix week are the IndyCar competition, the Toyota Pro/Celebrity Race, an American LeMans Series race, a Firestone Indy Lights race, and a Formula Drift Series competition.

MILLER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Miller Children's Hospital is a child friendly center of excellence that provides a wide range of primary and specialty care for children of all ages, from newborns to young adults, as well as expectant mothers. The MemorialCare Center for Women at Miller Children's Hospital welcomes 6,000 babies into the world each year and it is home to one of the largest neonatal intensive care units in California, treating more high-risk infants daily than any other hospital in Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties.

At the Hospital, the racers will play with patients in two playrooms, and will spend time visiting from bed to bed.

TIM NICKEL

RWC spokesracer Tim Nickel, began racing cars late in life by today's standards.

After graduating from High School in 1985 at the age of 18, Tim began racing go-karts throughout California. Realizing limited success in short track ranks, he found his niche by switching to more powerful road racing karts, capable of speeds to 100 m.p.h. He gained valuable experience while racing renowned tracks such as Laguna Seca, Infineon, Las Vegas, and Phoenix International. In 1991, Tim was invited to compete in the *Road Racing National Championships*, finishing among the top ten in a highly competitive field.

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For a time, Tim stepped away from racing to start a family and pursue a career in law enforcement. As a member of the Fresno County Sheriff's Department, he has supervised high-profile prison inmates, including Marcus Wesson, a man convicted of nine counts of first-degree murder.

After several years off the circuit, the desire to compete nudged Tim back to racing, this time behind the wheel of a World Sports Toyota. After competing in several *Vintage Auto Racing Association* events, Tim turned his focus to Touring Cars.

Currently in a marketing partnership with the Law Offices of Nuttall and Coleman, Tim drives a Lexus IS300 in *Sports Car Club of America (SCCA)* competition. He finished 2nd overall in the 2008 Championship Series, scoring three wins and several podium finishes.

The 2009 season finds Tim competing once again in the *SCCA*, as well as working to secure sponsorship for both the professional Koni Challenge, and the Speed World Challenge Racing Series.

ROBB HOLLAND

Holland's racing career actually began on bicycles! He competed as part of two University of Colorado cycling teams, helping them capture two National Championships, which vaulted him into the professional ranks. For six years, Holland competed at top international levels against Lance Armstrong and other pro-cycling stars.

He began motorsports competition training at the Skip Barber School, competing in regional and national Barber events, before turning to more professional racing levels.

During his rookie year on the *SCCA SPEED World Challenge Series*, Holland, was a great revelation to his competitors. He finished the season strongly in 11th place overall, just 13 points behind fellow rookie Jeff Courtney, in a very hotly contested Rookie of the Year competition. However, in the process of battling for the Rookie of the Year title, Holland became the first driver to score Touring Car Class manufacturer's points for Dodge, on the strength of his 3rd place finish at Road America, a race in which he set the second fastest race lap. While battling with factory Acuras and Mazdas, Holland quickly earned the respect of Series veterans with his clean drives, fast pace and strong results.

Over the past several years, Holland has been a consistent top 10 finisher in both World Challenge Touring Car and GT Divisions, and additionally, has driven strongly in the ultra competitive Rolex Grand Am Series. Holland has also made a number of guest appearances in the National Auto Sport Association's National Championships, culminating in a 2007 2nd place finish in the ST2 Class.

When he isn't racing, Holland still spends most of his time at the track, working as a driving instructor for Lamborghini of Denver, and is a personal driving instructor around the country for several private clients, through his company Supercar Schools. This has accorded Holland amazing opportunities to drive some of the planet's most fantastic cars, from Lamborghinis to Bugattis, and a great many in between.

Holland is also well known for his work off the track, with stints as a journalist for SPEEDtv.com and as a co-trackside/webcast announcer, along with Tom Hnatiw, for the SPEED World Challenge Series.

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BRANDON DAVIS

Brandon Davis returns to Long Beach to defend his 2008 SCCA Pro Racing Speed World Challenge win at the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach. He co-drives with his father, Mike Davis, and Drew Staveley, in their Speed GT Class #10 ACS Express Ford Mustang Cobra, sponsored by Sun Microsystems and Applied Computer Solutions.

Davis began racing go-karts at age seven, and turned to SCCA regional competition at 16. His first professional competition, in 2004, was in a Portland Infineon SPEED World Challenge race. He scored an impressive eight top-10 finishes in his first 11 races during his 2005 rookie SPEED World Challenge season, finishing fourth in the overall Championship and taking Rookie of the Year honors.

He beat his own teammate, Eric Curran, to score his first SPEED World Challenge win on his home track during the Grand Prix of Denver, taking the closest finish in Series history, 0.005 seconds.

Davis began co-driving with his Dad's team in 2007, showing well in Speed GT SR competition.

Off-track, Brandon works in business marketing and drives a BMW out on the streets.

DREW STAVELEY

Drew is teammate and co-driver for Brandon and Mike Davis in their Speed GT Class #10 ACS Express Ford Mustang Cobra, sponsored by Sun Microsystems and Applied Computer Solutions.

He began his career in Cal Club Spec Miata racing, and driving factory Pontiacs for Racers Edge Motorsports in SCCA enduro competition. He has also driven Rolex Grand Am GT races, leading the entire field in only his second event, at Lime Rock. He has consistently shown impressively.

Staveley's career plans include Rolex Grand Am Series GT Production Class competition, and racing the Daytona Prototype Class.

WHY:

Racers Who Care, Inc.'s Quick Tips on Winning in Life racer presentations to children's groups, schools, hospitals are an avenue through which professional racers can give back to the communities where they live and race, by inspiring, affirming, empowering, and fueling the dreams of children and teens.

Founded in 1993, Racers Who Care is a Los Angeles, California-based 501C3 tax exempt charitable corporation, comprising a group of motorsports professionals dedicated to making a difference for our next generation. Through racers, the program has unforgettably impacted children and teens throughout the U.S. with a variety of excitingly educational presentations centered around major American geographical areas and racing venues.

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Using personal observations from their own experiences, racers bring to children and teens a stirring message of positive alternatives to substance abuse and negative behaviors. Their presentations center on key universal truths, applicable to every young person regardless of age, life experience or cultural background. Topics include: Learn the Art of Teamwork, Study-Knowledge is Power, Find a Mentor, Take the Long View, Explore Your Talent and Creativity, and more.

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