



Inaugural 6 Hours of Seattle Go-Kart Race at SyKart Raises Over \$25K for Team Seattle to Benefit the Seattle Children's Hospital

Successful Inaugural Event Was Hosted by James Gué and Dane Cameron for Team Seattle Guild Cause



SEATTLE, Wash. (November 22 , 2011) – The Inaugural 6 Hours of Seattle Go-Kart race, held Sunday, November 13 at SyKart, in Tukwila, Washington, was a record-setter on and off the track with more than \$25,000 in donations raised from the fun and first-time event that was organized by GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series drivers James Gué and Dane Cameron to benefit The Team Seattle Guild for Seattle Children's Hospital.

“It was a great event,” Gué said. “We had a much bigger turnout than we thought, we met and even exceeded our goal of raising \$25,000 and some additional donations may still be coming in. All in all it was really successful and a lot of fun. I hope we can continue to make it bigger and better next year. I really think we have something here that we can build on for the future.”

Overall winners Team SyKart used their local track knowledge to score a comfortable six lap victory, completing a total of 595 laps, but not far behind a tight group of competitors made the inaugural 6 Hours of Seattle one for the record books.

“It was really amazing how close the race was,” Gué said. “The local Sykart team obviously had a little home field advantage but the second, third and fourth place teams were all within 30 seconds of each other after six hours.”

John Meredith, Javier Cantu, Randy Olivarez, Davin Sturdivant, TJ Henson and Nathaniel Lewis made up SyKart's winning team. Team Seattle's own squad, that included Don Kitch Jr., finished second while Team DirtFish, from the nearby off-road racing school, finished third. Cameron raced with both Team Seattle and Team Global.

Global took the prize as the highest donating team. Global's Bruce Humberstone was the top earner and enlisted his employees for per-lap pledges and lump-sum donations.

Global also fit right in with the fun spirit of the event by wearing team shirts featuring a Global crest on the back, "Scuderia Global" logos and even Italian nicknames – Cameron was “Luigi” – for all drivers and crew.

The more than \$25,000 in total donations for the event included proceeds from the silent auction that featured Dempsey Racing memorabilia and collectibles and other quality items. Among the big ticket items were a racing suits donated by Patrick Dempsey and Gué.

Additional funds were also raised from a trackside XBOX system that gave everyone in attendance the chance to race Forza 4 for a donation, regardless of their participation in the 6 Hours. At the end of the event, the entire system – the XBOX, a copy of Forza 4, a wireless wheel and pedal set and a new Forza 4 Simulator seat donated by www.playseatamerica.com – was won by Ryan Hieronymus who posted the day's fastest lap time on the system.

A hot-lap go-kart was also available throughout the race for any driver that wanted to make a donation and take a stab at the day's overall fastest lap time. That honor went to SyKart General Manager Todd Baker who also raced with the second-place Team Seattle squad.

The silent auction, hot laps and Forza 4 contest accounted for nearly \$10,000 of the event's earned proceeds.

Gué and Cameron raced together this year as teammates this year in the No. 41 Team Seattle/Global Diving & Salvage/Dempsey Racing Mazda RX-8 GT, closing out the season with three third-place finishes in the year's final four races. After racing with Team Seattle to raise awareness and funding for Seattle Children's all season, Gué and Cameron scheduled the 6 Hour event for one final fundraising push as well as some year-end fun and camaraderie with friends and colleagues.

Learn more about the Team Seattle Guild at www.teamseattle.com/.

