



## **New National Event Begins This Summer In Akron**

*Initial nation-wide release announcing inaugural 'National Super kids Classic', a Soap Box Derby race for physically and mentally challenged children, to be held August 10, 2002 at Derby Downs in Akron, Ohio.*

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Akron, Ohio -- Racing in the Soap Box Derby is no longer just a dream for handicapped kids. This summer, historic Derby Downs in Akron, Ohio will play host to a new kind of Derby event. It's the first opportunity for physically and mentally challenged children to realize the dream of competing in the greatest amateur racing event in the world.

The inaugural "National Super Kids Classic" is set to roll on August 10th, 2002. Like the traditional All-American Soap Box Derby - held in Akron for 64 years - the National Super Kids Classic will feature contestants in head-to-head competition on the big hill. This event, however, has an interesting twist: Each car will use two drivers.

A fleet of specially designed cars is currently under construction. Each car is identical to the others, featuring a body shell which opens wide to allow the Super Kids easy access behind the wheel. Every Super Kid will be accompanied by a "pilot" - a seasoned Derby Downs veteran driver who knows the territory and can help safely guide the car to its destination...the finish line.

Local derby organizers around the United States are staging races for physically and mentally challenged children. Once they've crowned a local champion, they'll send the driver to Akron to determine who gets national bragging rights. Here in Akron, the 21st annual local Super Kids race crowned its champion on June 1. Crystal Wise will represent the City of Akron when the National Super Kids Classic runs in August.

The search has begun to find a national corporate sponsor. The National Super Kids Classic Control Board is currently seeking monetary donations from individuals and businesses in order to run this inaugural event. Control Board Chairman Michael Callahan makes the need for dollars clear: "While we have a core group of dedicated volunteers working hard to stage our first national race, such an event also involves numerous costs. We



have formulated various sponsorship plans that are available to both corporate entities and private individuals, and we're hoping to benefit from their generosity. Donations to the National Super Kids Classic are tax-deductible.

Please contact us to help make this a very special event, and help us grant physically and mentally challenged children a very unique experience - the Thrill Of The Hill!

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