



UNIROYAL TIRE® AND MIDTOWN TIRES & AUTO SERVICES HELP KICK START SOCCER SEASON FOR LOCAL YOUTH

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – (August 12, 2009) – For the 10th year in a row, the Uniroyal® Soccer Program is supporting soccer communities across the country. Midtown Tires & Auto Services will donate funds and equipment to the Springfield YMCA Youth Soccer League, the BACH Soccer Club, the Rochester Youth Soccer Association and the Boys and Girls Club of Springfield. Beginning August 17, players will receive a certificate that can be redeemed for a free soccer ball at Midtown Tires & Auto Services while supplies last. Uniroyal Tire and Midtown Tires & Auto Services will also donate \$2 for every Uniroyal tire sold during the 30-day program.

Founded in 2000, the Uniroyal Soccer Program has provided almost \$12 million in funds and equipment, including nearly one million soccer balls, to more than 3,000 youth soccer programs in America and Canada. In celebration of the program's 10th anniversary, Uniroyal Tire is giving away a soccer ball every day in 2009 via their website, www.UniroyalTires.com/sweeps. The daily winners will be eligible for the grand prize drawing at the end of the year which includes the top 10 items a family needs for the 2010 soccer season: a \$500 gas card, a set of Uniroyal tires, a camera/video recorder, car service for the season, a GPS system, car detailing, a cooler/chair package, a \$250 parents' night out gift card, a \$250 snack/food gift card, and a \$500 sporting goods gift card.

"We are proud to support area soccer groups, which gives local youth the experience of being a part of a team and helps them learn valuable skills they can use on and off the field," said John Kuhlmann of Midtown Tires & Auto Services. "I can't wait to see the happy faces when the children get their free soccer balls."

"The 10th anniversary of the soccer program is quite a milestone," said Kaz Holley, Uniroyal Tire brand director. "Our unique program has grown rapidly and we continue to partner with exceptional dealers like Midtown Tires & Auto Services to reach additional soccer leagues each year. Bringing communities together has always been an important component of the soccer program, and we look forward to being involved in youth soccer for years to come."

Uniroyal® Tire is one of the world's leading tire brands for passenger and commercial cars, pick-ups, light trucks, mini vans and sport utility vehicles. Dating back to 1892, Uniroyal Tire has developed a reputation for providing high-quality, affordable tires including its Tiger Paw® and Laredo® series. Uniroyal tires offer just the right combination of dependability, traction and grip in almost every weather condition, and come with one of the industry's leading warranties.

To learn more about the Uniroyal Soccer Program, visit the brand's Web site at www.UniroyalTires.com. To learn more about Midtown Tires & Auto Services please call John Kuhlmann, (217) 525-1395 at 2110 Clear Lake Ave. in Springfield, or visit www.midtownusa.com.

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