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## KARAM CLINCHES USF2000 CHAMPIONSHIP; ANDRETTI AUTOSPORT TAKES TEAM TITLE

BRASELTON, Ga., Oct. 1 – Sage Karam, driver of the #8 Team Comfort Revolution car for Andretti Autosport, clinched the 2010 USF2000 National Championship driver championship after winning the first race at Road Atlanta on Thursday, Sept. 30. Andretti Autosport won the USF2000 team championship title, with a lead of more than 100 points in the team point standings.

Karam also won the VP Fuels Rookie of the Year award. Including the final race at Road Atlanta, Karam scored nine victories in 12 starts this season.

Sanctioned by the IRL, the USF2000 National Championship, presented by Cooper Racing Tires and powered by Mazda, is one of two series part of both the IRL's Road to Indy ladder system and the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development driver program.

Zach Veach, driver of the #7 Team ADS car for Andretti Autosport, placed second and fourth in the two races at Road Atlanta. Veach finished fifth in the overall USF2000 driver championship points, despite starting the season two races behind the rest of the field.

Veach's highest finish of the season came during his first race at Road Atlanta, where he finished second. He secured eight top-five finishes throughout the 2010 season.

As the championship winner, Karam will receive a sponsorship package from Mazda valued at \$350,000 to help him advance to the Star Mazda series in 2011, another series in the Road to Indy development program.

The 2010 MAZDASPEED Ladder awards ceremony will be streamed live at 7:30 p.m. Eastern on Friday, Oct. 1 at <u>www.justin.tv/a/mazdausa</u>.

For more information, please visit <u>www.AndrettiAutosport.com</u> and <u>www.USF2000.com</u>.

# MICHAEL ANDRETTI, CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ANDRETTI AUTOSPORT:

"I'm so proud of both Sage and Zach for the job they did this year. Finishing the season with a '1-2' finish and a championship for Sage is fantastic. He is a special talent, and I'm glad we were able to introduce both him and Zach into the 'Road To Indy' program this year and have it go as well as it did."

### SAGE KARAM, DRIVER, ANDRETTI AUTOSPORT

"It was a perfect weekend to end the season. Winning the championship feels great! It's such an honor to represent Andretti Autosport. The team worked insanely hard for me this year and I can't thank them enough. I would also like to thank Michael Andretti, Michael Fux, Comfort Revolution, Mazda, Cooper Tires, Alpinestars, Art Rotondo and especially my family for making this possible. I will always remember this year for the rest of my life. I'm really looking forward to what next year brings."

#### ZACH VEACH, DRIVER, ANDRETTI AUTOSPORT

"We finished fifth in the championship after missing the first couple of races, so I'm very happy. I can't thank the Andretti Autosport crew enough for working so hard this year. My team, my sponsors ADS, Retail Pro and Secure IT and my family were supporting me 100 percent the whole time. I really want to thank my teammate Sage [Karam] and congratulate him for coming out on top for the championship. He's become my best friend and I can't thank him enough for his support this season."

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#### About Andretti Autosport

Based in Indianapolis, Ind., Andretti Autosport is led by racing legend Michael Andretti. Andretti Autosport, which is the winningest team in Indy Racing League history, fields multiple entries in the IZOD IndyCar Series. Andretti Autosport also campaigns multiple cars in the Firestone Indy Lights series in a joint venture with AFS Racing and two cars in the USF2000 National Championship. The company boasts three IZOD IndyCar Series championships (2004, 2005 and 2007), two Firestone Indy Lights titles (2008 and 2009) and has won the Indianapolis 500 twice (2005 and 2007). For more information, please visit <u>www.AndrettiAutosport.com</u>.