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Joseph E. Robert, III to Chair the Twentieth Fight Night on November 5, 2009

Washington, DC [September 30, 2009] -- [Fight For Children](#), an independent non-profit organization committed to improving education in DC schools, today announced that Joseph (Joe) Robert, III has agreed to serve as Chairman for its signature fundraising event, Fight Night. On November 5, 2009, Fight For Children will celebrate Fight Night's twentieth year as one of Washington's most successful charity events.

"We are thrilled to have Joe not only take the helm as Chairman of Fight Night 2009 but also as a new member of Fight For Children's Board of Directors," commented Michela English, President & CEO of Fight For Children. "His enthusiasm for the continued success of Fight For Children's work in helping low-income kids in DC reach their full potential is a great asset to our team."

Joseph E. Robert, Jr., Chairman and CEO of J.E. Robert Companies, and Chairman of Fight For Children, created Fight Night in 1990 to help local children. His philosophy was simple, "kids can't fight for their own cause so we are going to fight on their behalf." Fight Night brings together 2,000 heavyweights of business and government, entertainment and community service, as well as legends from the boxing and sports world, for an evening of fun, auctions, and live professional boxing. In 2008, Fight Night raised over \$2.8 million for Fight For Children and other organizations that provide education and healthcare services to low-income children in Washington, DC.

Commented Robert, "I grew up attending Fight Night and the opportunity to be Chairman of this event for the twentieth year celebration is an honor. The camaraderie found at Fight Night is

unlike any other event in DC! I'm looking forward to working with past Fight Night Chairmen and long time supporters to ensure this year is once again a huge success."

A 20th anniversary committee comprised of past Fight Night Chairmen and long time supporters have come together to commemorate Fight Night's twenty years in Washington and help raise support. Those on the committee include Charlie Brotman, Neil Cohen, Jim Donohoe, Bill Edwards, Chuck Kuhn, Ken McLendon, Roger Mody, Andy Ockershausen, Bob Pincus, Mitch Rales, Russ Ramsey, Fred Schaufeld and Bill Wolfe. These men are dedicated to the fight to ensure all kids in DC have the opportunity to grow into the champions of tomorrow.

Joseph E. Robert, III will lead this committee and usher in a new era of giving at Fight Night. Joe's experience as a leader is extensive. Since 2002, he has served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps and recently served a tour of duty in Iraq. As a Reconnaissance Marine (the Special Operations Capable force of the United States Marine Corps), Mr. Robert has advanced training in leadership, communication, and combat life saving skills.

Mr. Robert has received numerous awards from the military, including a Certification of Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, and a Global War on Terror Service Medal. He serves as a board member of the Youth Leadership Foundation, a DC-based not-for-profit organization that serves disadvantaged young people by boosting academic performance, while developing their moral character. He is currently a student at American University in Washington, DC.

For more details about Fight Night visit www.fightnightdc.org. For more information on Fight For Children or any of its programs, visit www.fightforchildren.org.

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