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**FIGHT FOR CHILDREN AWARDS GRANTS TO 16 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS  
SERVING LOW-INCOME CHILDREN IN DC**

Washington, DC [November 3, 2009] - Fight For Children, an independent non-profit organization committed to improving the lives of low-income children in Washington, DC, today announced that it has provided more than \$600,000 in grants to local organizations that provide education and healthcare services to local children. The grants are from proceeds of Fight Night 2008, Fight For Children's signature fundraising event and the number one benefit in Washington, DC.

"We are proud to support our grantee organizations committed to providing kids in DC with the tools needed to grow, learn, and succeed. Each one of these organizations does amazing work which is evident in the lives of the kids they serve every day," commented Michela English, President & CEO of Fight For Children. "In the midst of today's economic climate, Fight For Children is thrilled to be able to continue to support these organizations furthering our mission to provide kids in DC with the best possible education and healthcare opportunities."

Grants awarded from Fight Night 2008 include:

- **Alexandria Boxing Club** (\$55,000) to promote wellness, self-discipline, and academic achievement among low-income children in Alexandria, VA.
- **Archdiocese of Washington** (\$50,000) to support low-income DC children to attend Archdiocese schools.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS)** (\$20,000) to support BBBS' Mentoring Children of Prisoners initiative.
- **Capital Partners for Education (CPE)** (\$20,000) for general operating support for CPE's program of high school scholarships, adult mentors, academic support, and enrichment opportunities.
- **Children's National Medical Center (CNMC)** (\$25,000) The 2008 Fight Night Chairman's Choice, supports CNMC's Nephrology Division.
- **Communities in Schools (CISNCAP)** (\$5,000) for general operating support for CISNCAP's efforts to connect community resources to schools in need.
- **DC College Success Foundation (DC CSF)** (\$10,000) to create a Fight For Children scholarship to support a low-income DC student in college for four years.
- **DC Scores** (\$20,000) to support an elementary after-school program that utilizes creative writing, soccer and learning to promote student achievement.
- **District of Columbia College Access Program (DC-CAP)** (\$75,000) to support DC-CAP's efforts to support students in DC charter schools to attend and complete college.

- **Georgetown University’s KIDS Mobile Medical Clinic (KMMC)** (\$50,000) to support KMMC’s expanded efforts in programming for mental health and social services, education, and advocacy to ensure that children receive the comprehensive care they need.
- **Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** (\$50,000) to support the Kennedy Center’s Community Partnerships Program in DC Public Schools.
- **Latino Student Fund (LSF)** (\$25,000) to provide scholarships and academic support to at-risk Latino youth.
- **Marine Corps – Law Enforcement Foundation** (\$65,000) to provide scholarships for higher education to children of fallen Marines or Federal law enforcement personnel.
- **Mary’s Center** (\$20,000) to provide general operating support for the provision of care to individuals and families in DC with limited or no access to health-related services.
- **The Shepherd Foundation** (\$25,000) to provide scholarships for low-income children of all faiths to attend Catholic schools.
- **Washington Scholarship Fund (WSF)** (\$100,000) to support WSF’s Signature Scholarship Program for low-income children in DC.

**Fight For Children**, founded in 1990 by business and civic leader Joseph E. Robert, Jr. is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to providing all children in the District of Columbia the tools they need to grow, learn, and succeed. Fight For Children has over \$82 million in private contributions, investing these resources to create its education and health care programs, as well as providing direct support to over 150 local organizations in DC.

For a more detailed look at the grants and organizations mentioned above, please see the separate attachment or visit [www.fightforchildren.org](http://www.fightforchildren.org).

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