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FIGHT FOR CHILDREN PROVIDES MORE THAN \$1 MILLION IN GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE LOW-INCOME CHILDREN IN DC

TWO LARGE GRANTS AWARDED TO ORGANIZATIONS DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING THE HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF LOW-INCOME CHILDREN

Washington, DC [October 22, 2008] – [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 \$1 million in grants to local organizations that provide education and healthcare services to local children. The grants are from the proceeds of Fight Night 2007, which is widely recognized as one of the most successful charity events in the country and the number one fundraiser in Washington, DC. As part of the disbursement, Fight For Children provided sizable grants to two organizations that strive to keep kids healthy so they can attend school and be active learners.

- **Children’s National Medical Center (CNMC)** received a \$100,000 grant from Fight for Children to support one of its new initiatives to combat obesity in Southeast Washington. The program was launched in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. The goal of the program is to reduce DC’s growing obesity epidemic through a comprehensive family-centered approach utilizing evidence-based best practices. CNMC is the only exclusive provider of pediatric care in the metropolitan Washington area and has been serving the nation’s children for more than 130 years.
- **Georgetown University’s KIDS Mobile Medical Clinic (KMMC)** was awarded a \$65,000 grant to support the clinic’s expanded efforts in programming for mental health and social services, education, and advocacy to ensure that children receive the comprehensive care they need. With Fight For Children’s support, KMMC will hire additional clinicians to treat existing KMMC patients, with the goal of building a program that will be self-sustaining through third-party reimbursements. KMMC improves access for underserved children to comprehensive services necessary to achieve better health care and improved quality of life.

“We are very excited to support these two new programs launched by Children’s National Medical Center and Georgetown’s Kids Mobile Medical Clinic,” commented Michela English, President & CEO of Fight For Children. “Our mission is to provide area children the tools they need to grow, learn, and succeed and the cornerstone of that is access to quality healthcare.”

“It is no secret that childhood obesity is an enormous problem for today’s children. And access to quality mental health care for low-income kids is very limited,” continued English. “These admirable programs go a long way toward filling this void in our quest to provide comprehensive healthcare to kids in our area. We applaud these two organizations for these much needed services and look forward to hearing about the success of the programs.”

Grants from Fight Night 2007 were also awarded to 20 other local organizations that provide education and healthcare services, including:

- **Alexandria Boxing Club** (\$65,000) to promote wellness, self-discipline, and academic achievement among low-income children in Alexandria, VA.
- **Archdiocese of Washington** (\$75,000) to support scholarships for low-income DC children to attend Archdiocese schools.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS)** (\$24,000) to support BBBS’ Mentoring Children of Prisoners initiative.
- **Capital Partners for Education (CPE)** (\$25,000) for general operating support for CPE’s program of high school scholarships, adult mentors, and academic support.
- **Communities in Schools (CISNCAP)** (\$10,000) for general operating support for CISNCAP’s efforts to connect community resources to schools in need.
- **DC College Success Foundation (DC CSF)** (\$25,000) 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)** (\$100,000) to support DC-CAP’s efforts to support student in DC charter schools to attend and complete college.

- **DonorsChoose.org** (\$55,000) to support the expansion of DonorsChoose.org's programs connecting donors and classrooms into DC.
- **Federal City Council Education Fund (FCC)** (\$50,000) to support research and strategy development for Mayor Fenty's school reform efforts.
- **Juvenile Diabetes (JDRF)** (\$25,000) to support research to cure type 1 diabetes, a disease that creates significant obstacles for children to be active learners in school.
- **Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** (\$50,000) to support the Kennedy Center's Community Partnerships Program in DC Public Schools.
- **KIPP Academy** (\$40,000) to support KIPP DC's new KEY Academy Benning Road Campus.
- **Latino Student Fund (LSF)** (\$30,000) to provide scholarships and academic support to at-risk Latino Youth.
- **Marine Corps- Law Enforcement Foundation** (\$80,000) to provide scholarships for higher education to children of fallen Marines or Federal law enforcement personnel.
- **Mary's Center** (\$30,000) 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.
- **Teach for America (TFA)** (\$10,000) to provide general operating support for TFA's DC region and its efforts to recruit recent college graduates and professionals to teach in DC schools.
- **The Shepherd Foundation** (\$48,000) to provide scholarships for low-income children of all faiths to attend Catholic schools.
- **Urban Alliance (UA)** (\$20,000) to support education, mentoring and meaningful paid internships for low-income DC children.
- **Washington Scholarship Fund (WSF)** (\$165,000) to support WSF's Signature Scholarship Program for low-income children in DC.

Now in its nineteenth year, Fight Night brings together over 2,000 of the nation's top leaders in business, government, sports and entertainment to raise funds for Fight For Children and other organizations that provide education and healthcare services to low-income children in DC. Fight Night features exciting bouts of professional boxing, coupled with nationally renowned live entertainment. Each year, fabulous prizes, including one-of-a-kind custom motorcycles, are

auctioned off to raise funds to ensure that DC's kids can receive the help they need to become tomorrow's leaders.

Fight Night 2008 will be held on Thursday, November 6 at the Hilton Washington. Tables are still available to this one-of-a-kind fundraiser. For more information, contact Liz Warnecki at 202-772-0416 or via e-mail at liz.warnecki@fightforchildren.org. Fight Night has sold out every year since 2002, with over 2,000 guests each year. Proceeds from Fight Night support Fight For Children's grantmaking and other programmatic initiatives.

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 raised almost \$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 more information on Fight For Children or any of its programs, visit www.fightforchildren.org.

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