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**QUEEN LATIFAH, MICHAEL CAVANAUGH, AND BLACK VIOLIN TO PERFORM AT
FIGHT FOR CHILDREN'S ANNUAL SCHOOL NIGHT GALA**

SCHOOL NIGHT 2010 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER TO BE HELD APRIL 23

Washington, DC [February 17, 2010] – [Fight For Children](#), an independent non-profit organization committed to improving education in DC schools, today announced the entertainment for its annual education fundraiser, School Night 2010. The event will feature Queen Latifah who will host the evening and perform, along with Michael Cavanaugh and Black Violin.

“We are thrilled to once again have such amazing talent lined up for this event,” noted Michela English, President and CEO of Fight For Children. “These musicians are all excellent entertainers, offering guests an eclectic mix of musical styles. This will be a great celebration you won’t want to miss!”

School Night 2010 will celebrate twenty years of Fight For Children’s work improving education opportunities for low-income kids in the District of Columbia. Proceeds from the event will support the Quality Schools Initiative, an innovative awards program which encourages replication of high quality programs that improve student achievement in public, charter, and independent schools in DC.

The performers booked for the evening have diverse backgrounds and cover a variety of musical genres, including:

- **Queen Latifah.** Musician; television and film actress; label president; author and entrepreneur. Queen Latifah's work in music, film and television has earned her a Golden Globe award, two Screen Actors Guild Awards, two Image Awards, a Grammy Award, six additional Grammy nominations, an Emmy Award nomination and an Academy Award nomination. Originally known in the music scene for her rap and hip hop prowess she has most recently been successfully with her sultry soul and jazz standards. Blessed with style and substance, Queen Latifah has blossomed into a one-woman entertainment conglomerate.
- **Michael Cavanaugh.** Michael Cavanaugh is a charismatic performer, musician and actor, made famous for his piano/lead vocals in the Broadway Musical *Movin' Out*. Michael Cavanaugh was handpicked by Billy Joel to star in the title role and evokes a style rivaling the Piano Man. Michael appeared in the show for 3 years and over 1200 performances, receiving accolade after accolade, which culminated in 2003 with both Grammy and Tony award nominations. With the close of *Movin' Out* at the end of 2005, Michael began touring in his own right, creating a show that reinterprets the modern pop/rock songbook
- **Black Violin.** This group of two classically trained violinists and their DJ are redefining the music world-one string at a time. With influences ranging from Shostakovich and Bach to Nas and Jay-Z, Black Violin breaks all the rules, blending the classical with the modern to create something rare - a sound that nobody has ever heard, but that everybody wants to feel. BV has worked with musicians as diverse as P.Diddy, Kanye West, Fifty Cent, Aerosmith, Tom Petty, Aretha Franklin and the Eagles-among many others.

Fight For Children will hold the event, “*School Night 2010: Dream Big*”, on April 23, 2010 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. Leadership for the event includes Chairman Bill Marriott, Honorary Co-chairs Mayor Adrian Fenty and Michelle Fenty, and Host Committee members Katherine & David Bradley, Barden & Flavia Gale, Terry & Kathleen Golden, Don Graham, Joseph E. Robert, Jr. and Rynthia Rost.

“School Night is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the good work being done to improve education in DC,” continued English. “This is one night to applaud the educators across all sectors working to give students solid opportunities for their futures. It’s also our major fundraiser that enables us to help educators continue their work.”

Sponsorship opportunities and tickets for this memorable event are available now. Contact Simon Jackson at 202-772-0437 or simon.jackson@fightforchildren.org.

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 \$82 million in private contributions, investing these resources to create education, leadership and health care programs, as well as providing direct support to over 150 youth-serving organizations in the greater DC area. For more information on Fight For Children or any of its programs, visit www.fightforchildren.org.

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