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FIGHT NIGHT 2008 TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 6 TO RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN DC

*EVENT FEATURES FOUR PROFESSIONAL BOXING BOUTS, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT,
A LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION, AND MUCH MORE*

Washington, DC [October 24, 2008] – Fight Night, widely recognized as one of the most successful charity events in the country and the number one fundraiser in Washington, DC, will be held this year on Thursday, **November 6** at the **Hilton Washington** (1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW). Fight Night is the signature fundraiser of [Fight For Children](#), an independent non-profit organization committed to improving education in DC schools and keeping kids healthy so they can learn. Tickets for the event are still available.

“Fight Night is a unique and eagerly anticipated fundraiser that harkens back to the exciting boxing venues of the ‘40s and ‘50s, all for a wonderful cause,” explained Michela English, President and CEO of Fight for Children. “The proceeds from the event support the work of dozens of local organizations, which enables them to help thousands of low-income children in Washington, DC. The generosity of the Fight Night participants is unprecedented.”

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 health care 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 top of the line 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.

Joseph E. Robert, Jr., Chairman and CEO of J.E. Robert Companies founded Fight For Children in 1990, on a simple truth: *children are the future*. Fight For Children focuses on educational and healthcare initiatives to ensure that all children in the nation's capital have opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed. Fight For Children is leading the way to a new model of philanthropy, where providers, policymakers, and the private sector work together as a team to provide valuable support to the children who need it most.

Fight For Children has raised over \$82 million since its founding and has supported over 150 organizations that serve children in the nation's capital. Not only do these organizations share Fight For Children's vision, but they also deliver measurable results in their fight for low-income children.

Fight Night 2007 raised more than \$3 million. The proceeds went to 24 local entities, including:

- **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.

The 2008 Fight For Children's "Chairman's Choice" – for which the Fight Night Chairman designates a youth-serving organization of his choice to receive a substantial one-year grant – is Children's National Medical Center.

The chairman for this year's event is Fred Schaufeld, founder of N.E.W. Customer Services Companies, Inc., the world's largest provider of consumer product protection services. Fred assumes responsibility for the event, after serving as Co-Chairman last year alongside 2007 Fight Night Chairman, Chuck Kuhn, President, JK Moving & Storage.

Fight Night 2008 is sponsored in part by Asurion, Berkshire Partners, Freeman Spogli & Co., Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Timothy J. Meenan, Oppenheimer & Co., Inc., and the Washington Nationals. Additional supporters include Evergreen Transportation, Farms & Acreage, Inc., Keane Enterprises, The Meltzer Group, NetJets, Inc., SunTrust Bank, and Vantage Construction Corp.

A limited number of tickets are still available for Fight Night 2008. To purchase tickets, and for more information, contact Liz Warnecki at Fight For Children, 202.772.0416.

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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