



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FIGHT NIGHT 2008 RAISES \$2.8 MILLION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN DC

Washington, DC [November 13, 2008] – Fight Night, widely recognized as one of the most successful charity events in the country and the number one benefit in Washington, DC, raised \$2.8 million to help support local children last week. Held November 6 at the Hilton Washington, 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.

“We are thrilled to announce that Fight Night 2008 was once again highly successful, raising \$2.8 million to support the work of Fight For Children and dozens of other local organizations that help thousands of low-income children in Washington, DC,” said Michela English, President and CEO of Fight For Children. “The generosity of the Fight Night participants is unprecedented and we cannot thank them enough.”

The chairman for this year’s event was Fred Schaufeld, founder and Chairman of N.E.W. Customer Services Companies, Inc. NEW Asurion is now the world’s largest provider of consumer product protection services.

Commented Schaufeld, “Despite the current state of the economy, Fight Night 2008 proved to be a very successful event and a great time was had by all in attendance. My wife and I are

passionate about improving the lives of local children and had lofty goals for the event this year. We want to thank everyone that came out to support the event and send a special thanks to our ‘heavyweight’ sponsors. Without them, the event would not have been possible.”

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.

In addition to the support of these generous sponsors, the live auction at Fight Night 2008 raised nearly \$250,000. Among the most popular items were:

- **American Flag**, which flew over Camp Fallujah in Iraq and will be flown above Nationals Park on Opening Day 2009 next April. On that special and historic day, it is anticipated the new President of the United States will throw out the first pitch. This item went for \$80,000.
- **Custom Themed Washington Nationals Chopper** was auctioned off for \$85,000. This one of a kind, custom made motorcycle was uniquely designed for the event and was autographed by the 2008 Washington Nationals.
- **Private Jet and Tickets to the Final Round of the 2009 Masters.** The top bidder on this item – who paid \$37,500 – will enjoy the luxury of flying on a private NetJets Cessna Citation Excel jet with three guests from Washington, DC to Augusta, Georgia to attend the final round of the 2009 Master Tournament on Sunday, April 12, 2009.
- **Washington National Season Tickets.** Two 2009 Lexus Presidents Seats Tickets for the entire 2009 Nationals Season. These prime tickets are in the President’s Club section and include a number of amenities at all home games, as well as seats on the players charter flight for one road game. This item was auctioned off for \$35,000.

Each 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.

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.

Contacts

Jeff Travers
Fight For Children
202-772-0436
jeff.travers@fightforchildren.org

Kristen Fagley
Fight For Children
202-772-0439
kristen.fagley@fightforchildren.org

###