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**BUSINESS LEADER AND PHILANTHROPIST RAUL FERNANDEZ
JOINS FIGHT FOR CHILDREN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

Washington, DC [March 5, 2012] – Fight For Children is proud to announce **Raul Fernandez** is the new Chairman of its Board of Directors. Fernandez was elected to a two-year term on Fight For Children’s board and selected as Chairman on February 28. For over a decade, Fernandez has been a strong supporter of Fight For Children and its signature event, Fight Night. He is widely known in the DC area for not only his leadership in business, but also his generous philanthropy. He will be only the second Chairman in Fight For Children’s history. Joseph E. Robert, Jr., who founded the organization in 1990, served as its Chairman until his death in December 2011.

“It is a special honor for me to be able to continue the work my close friend Joe began,” Fernandez commented. “We will honor Joe’s legacy by finding creative ways to do even more for kids in need through this great organization.”

Fernandez is Chairman and CEO of ObjectVideo, a private technology company that develops video analytics software for automated security surveillance. Fernandez is also Vice Chairman of Monumental Sports & Entertainment, a private partnership that owns the NBA’s Washington Wizards, the NHL’s Washington Capitals and the WNBA’s Washington Mystics and owns and operates the Verizon Center. For Fernandez’s complete bio please visit www.fightforchildren.org.

“It was incredibly important to Joe that Fight For Children's work continue. We have a strong brand and team in place, and now with Raul's leadership, we are well-positioned and eager to expand our impact," said Michela English, Fight For Children's President and CEO.

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Fight For Children, founded in 1990 by the late business and civic leader Joseph E. Robert, Jr., is a 501(c)3 charitable organization committed to ensuring all kids in DC, regardless of income, receive a great education and stay healthy so they can learn. Since its founding, Fight For Children has raised or leveraged over \$450 million for education and healthcare programs serving low-income children in Washington, DC. For more information, visit www.fightforchildren.org.

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