WASHINGTON, DC (November 2, 2012)—Fight Night, the black-tie gala that benefits Fight For Children [http://www.fightforchildren.org] and is known as the annual culmination of power in Washington, was held Thursday, November 1 at the Washington Hilton, setting new records and surpassing last year’s fundraising efforts.

This year’s sold-out event exceeded last year’s total by raising $2.2 million. The biggest live auction item, a Washington Nationals baseball package, sold for $100,000.

Fight Night Honorary Chairman Joseph E. Robert, III—son of Fight for Children’s founder, the late Joseph E. Robert Jr.—joined 2012 Chairman Raul Fernandez and Co-Chairmen Chuck Kuhn and Fred Schaufeld in the ring to honor legendary lightweight boxer, Ray “Boom Boom” Mancini, with the Fight Night Hall of Fame belt. Joining Mancini on stage were boxing legends Sugar Ray Leonard, Buster Douglas, Aaron Pryor, Gerry Cooney, Michael Spinks and Larry Holmes, and announcer Michael Buffer.

“My involvement with Fight Night and Fight For Children is the best way I know how to honor my friend, Joe Robert,” said Mr. Fernandez, “and I know he would be honored to see his amazing legacy of fundraising carried on.”

Fernandez, chairman of ObjectVideo and Vice Chairman of Monumental Sports & Entertainment, will pass the torch of Fight Night Chairman to Kevin Plank, CEO and founder of Under Armour, for Fight Night 2013, next November 13.

“It was important that Fight for Children lived on and that I wanted to do something about it,” Plank said. “That’s the kind of thing that’s important for me to get a company and an organization like Under Armour behind.”

Committed to honoring Joe Robert’s legacy, Plank is determined to make the 24th annual Fight Night in 2013 the most incredible experience yet. “Whenever Joe asked you to do something, there was only one answer that I could give him,” Plank said. “I will.”

About Fight For Children
The late Joseph E. Robert, Jr., created Fight For Children in 1990 to marshal resources to help low-income kids in the nation’s capital to secure a brighter future. Fight For Children programs focus on improving the quality of early childhood and K-12 education in DC. The signature event of Fight For Children, Fight Night, has raised more than $32 million to date.