WASHINGTON, DC September 19, 2019 – Fight For Children announced today that the 30th Anniversary of DC’s most iconic charity event, Fight Night, will be its finale. **Fight Night: The Final Round** will be held on Thursday, November 14th at the Washington Hilton. Since its start in 1990 by its legendary founder, Joe Robert, Jr. (who succumbed to brain cancer in 2011 at age 59), this one-of-a-kind fundraising event has generated nearly **$70 million** for underserved kids in the DC area.

The 30th and final Fight Night will showcase iconic elements from past events that have made it such a heavyweight hit with DC influencers, including cowboy steaks, Cuban cigars, world-class boxing, headline entertainment, celebrity appearances, a one-of-a-kind auction, and the best networking in Washington, DC.

“After 30 incredible years as Washington’s premiere fundraising event, it’s appropriate that Fight Night go out on top, the way Joe would have done it,” said David Fensterheim, Chairman of Fight For Children and Trustee of The Joseph E. Robert, Jr. Charitable Trust. “Joe believed in “thinking big” for kids, and in that spirit, I am announcing that The Joseph E. Robert, Jr. Charitable Trust will be underwriting the entire cost of **Fight Night: The Final Round** so that every penny raised will directly benefit at-risk youth. While this will be the last Fight Night, it is not the end of Fight For Children. I couldn’t be more excited about Fight for Children’s future - - stay tuned,” David continued.

“I urge everyone who has ever been to a Fight Night, and anyone who had never had the chance, to join us for this last event. We intend to go out with a bang. **Fight Night: The Final Round** will not only be a wonderful opportunity to showcase Fight For Children’s long-lasting impact and thank our supporters, but a chance to treat everyone to one final, spectacular, good old fashioned Fight Night,” said Keith Gordon, President and CEO of Fight For Children.

“While we continue to make historic investments in programs and resources that support our young people and their families, we are so grateful to the tremendous philanthropic efforts of Fight For Children and its partners,” said **Mayor Muriel Bowser**. “Together, let’s keep working to ensure all young people in our city have access to the education, resources, mentors, and opportunities they need to succeed.”

The evening begins with the Red Carpet arrivals, networking cocktail reception featuring celebrity attendees including: former professional boxing champions **James “Buster” Douglas, Ray “Boom Boom” Mancini, Gerry “the Gentleman” Cooney**, long-time Fight Night supporter and Hall of Fame Announcer, **Michael Buffer**, and countless others, including legendary local athletes from all sports.
Championship boxing will take center stage once again in the main ballroom with a pair of thrilling fights, including a heavyweight bout as well as an exciting female Muay Thai match promoted by Cagezilla & Thai Championship Boxing. And back by popular demand, the Washington Redskins Cheerleaders will take to the ring for another electrifying performance.

The evening’s headline entertainment will feature a performance from 2016 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, Cheap Trick; followed by the Fight Night After Party at the Washington Hilton, with cocktails, dancing and a special surprise performance to close out the night.

“In the coming weeks, we will be sharing several major announcements about the exciting future of Fight For Children,” continued Gordon. Follow Fight For Children online and on social media for updates about future events, and the continued effort to support at-risk kids throughout the DMV region.

A limited number of sponsorship packages and tickets for Fight Night: The Final Round are now available at www.FightNightDC.org.

About Fight For Children
The late Joseph E. Robert, Jr., created Fight For Children and Fight Night in 1990 as a way to marshal resources to help children from low-income communities in the DC area secure a brighter future. Since then, Fight For Children has been an active supporter and participant in DC’s education reform movement, the development of high-quality early childhood education programs, and impactful community initiatives. Today, Fight For Children focuses on providing at-risk children with access to high quality youth sports opportunities, helping to ensure they remain active, socially and emotionally engaged, performing well in school, and on a path to a successful future. Follow them on Facebook and Twitter. For more information, please visit www.fightforchildren.org.

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