



## **FIGHT NIGHT 2012 BESTS LAST YEAR'S FUNDRAISING EFFORTS** ***\$2.2 Million Raised to Benefit DC Charity Fight for Children***

**Washington, DC** (November 2, 2012)—Fight Night, the black-tie gala that benefits [Fight For Children](http://www.fightforchildren.org) (<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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.