

# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

**FIGHT** FOR  
**CHILDREN**

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## OVERVIEW

### MISSION

Foster the physical, social and emotional, and academic development of current and aspiring student athletes by supporting quality youth sports programming in high-need communities throughout Washington, DC.

### VISION

Student athletes in Washington, DC are active, socially and emotionally engaged, performing well in school, and are on a path to a successful future.

### VALUES

To achieve this mission, Fight For Children believes it must:

- Fight for **equitable opportunities**, empowering and inspiring every student athlete to reach his or her full potential.
- Operate with the swiftness of a small, aligned and powerful team that is **unafraid to tackle big issues**.
- Approach challenges differently and discover creative solutions that **drive change**.
- **Rally the community** to help shape the future of Washington, DC.





## WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO



### JANUARY

Fight For Children refines its mission to impact children through youth sports.

### MARCH

Hosted the final installment of the Early Childhood Conference Series with record-breaking attendance for the session on Paradigms of Social-Emotional Learning.

### JUNE

Hosted a series of youth sports & community engagement focus groups with key community stakeholders

Joe's Champs Graduation for Phase II Schools.

### JULY

Fight For Children partners with STEER for Student Athletes, launching a new DC Chapter within Fight For Children's office.

### SEPTEMBER

2018-2019 Fight For Children Progress In Play Grantees awarded.

### NOVEMBER

Fight Night!



## GRANTEES

In 2018, Fight For Children was honored to announce the recipients of the 2018-2019 Progress In Play Awards. Grants were awarded to six local youth sports organizations that share FFC's vision to ensure that student athletes in Washington, DC are active, socially and emotionally engaged, performing well in school, and are on a path to a successful future. Through these grants, over 4,250 student athletes across DC (primarily in Wards 5, 7, and 8) will be impacted over fifteen months.



## GRANTEES



### DC SCORES

The purpose of this grant is to support DC Scores' flagship program, a year-round, after-school program that engages **2,800** third through eighth grade students in soccer, poetry and spoken word, and service-learning to ensure that participants are physically fit, more engaged in school, and feel better about themselves and their connections to their school, peers, teachers, and communities.



### WASHINGTON NATIONALS YOUTH BASEBALL ACADEMY (WNYBA)

This grant will support WNYBA's YBA PLAY program, a summer and after-school program that engages **840** six- to twelve-year-old students in baseball and softball as well as mentoring experiences to ensure that participants are immersed in the game, improve on the diamond, and learn life lessons critical to their social development and character growth.

## GRANTEES



**beaconhouse**

### BEACON HOUSE

Through this grant to Beacon House, **375** student athletes ages 5 to 18 will be enrolled in Beacon House's award-winning, year-round Athletics Program, which is based in the Edgewood community located in Ward 5 and seeks to enable youth to be successful in school, work, and life.



### WASHINGTON TENNIS & EDUCATION FOUNDATION (WTEF)

The purpose of this grant is to serve approximately **150** first through twelfth grade students in WTEF's 20-year-old Center for Excellence (CFE) program, a comprehensive year-round tennis and education program providing a safe, secure environment for low-income children living in Ward 7.

## GRANTEES



### STUDENT ATHLETES ORGANIZED TO UNDERSTAND LEADERSHIP (SOUL)

This grant will provide approximately **100** student athletes in grades 9 -12 across HD Woodson High School and Maya Angelou PCS with SOUL's College Access Study Hall (CASH) program, which engages athletic trainers, academic tutors, former athletes, dieticians, and sports industry leaders to mentor and prepare low-income student athletes for their transition out of high school and assist them in escaping the cycle of poverty.



### STEER FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

In June 2018, Fight For Children awarded an incubator grant to STEER for Student Athletes to bring their services to Washington, DC. This grant will assist STEER for Student Athletes' campaign to support **150** student athletes by 2020. STEER offers programming for student athletes in grades 7-12, residing in all wards of the District, by providing intense mentorship, an array of services and financial support to ensure each student athlete thrives academically and excels athletically.



## FINANCIALS

### FIGHT NIGHT

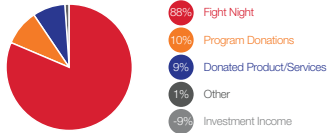
Fight Night 2018 welcomed more than 1,600 guests for an evening of fun, networking, and nonstop entertainment. The evening started with the "Hall of Champions" reception, featuring the integration of DC sports teams, countless celebrities and athletes, and the Fight Night silent auction. Guests were then invited to enjoy their cocktails and steak dinners while taking in a headline program that featured Championship boxing, appearances from the stars of CREED II, and entertainment from multi-platinum recording artist Flo Rida. The evening raised over \$1.7M to support the work of Fight For Children.

### FUNDRAISING

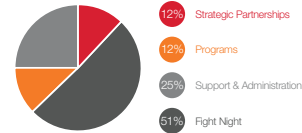
Fight For Children's 2018 operating budget is comprised of revenue generated from multiple fundraising initiatives. To ensure the organization's programs continue to thrive and demonstrate impact, Fight For Children relies on generous investments from local and national foundations, corporations, and government entities, as well as individuals who share the organization's mission and values.

A copy of Fight For Children's 2018 audited financials may be obtained by calling 202-772-0417.

#### 2018 REVENUE



#### 2018 EXPENSES



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