

# FIGHT FOR CHILDREN

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The late Joseph E. Robert, Jr. started Fight For Children in 1990 because he believed passionately in equitable access to critical resources for all children. For more than 30 years, we have “fought” for improvements in healthcare, education, and youth development programs that would make a meaningful difference to the lives of children in underserved communities throughout the D.C. metro area.

Today, we find ourselves at an inflection point. While the COVID-19 pandemic exposed and exacerbated long-standing societal inequities, the pandemic of systemic racism has plagued our country for far longer. Racism has existed in our country overtly for centuries, and tacitly for decades. To this day, racial inequity is still embedded into many of the very structures designed to serve and support every American. We believe that individuals and institutions must do more to confront racism and that each of us has a role to play.

Fight For Children stands in solidarity with the Black community, people of color, and all those suffering the racism and bigotry that pervades our world today. We also know that actions speak louder than words – and we recognize there is more to be done to promote diversity, equity and inclusion throughout our country and in our communities.

In 2019, we committed \$5M to build the Fight For Children Sports Medicine Center in partnership with Children’s National Hospital in order to provide state-of-the-art medical treatment to all children, with a particular emphasis on access to those from underserved communities in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. We plan to invest an additional \$5 million dollars over the next five years to support local sport-based youth development organizations serving primarily young people of color in our area.

Fight For Children recognizes this moment in history as an opportunity to listen, learn, change perspectives, and enable progress. We remain committed to doing our part to ensure that all children in our region have the tools and support needed to feel safe, be successful and thrive.

The Board and Staff,  
Fight For Children