

Press Release

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Two St. Louis charities will benefit from the recent Budweiser “First to Fight” boxing matches at Scottrade Center.

The BackStoppers and the Marine Corp’s Semper Fi Society will each receive \$10,000 raised by the event June 20 that kicked-off Marine Week activities in St. Louis. The Semper Fi Society will use a portion of the donation for its Toys for Tots Christmas program.

Event coordinator Jack Martorelli announced the donations and said the “First to Fight” bouts featured 13 matches between active duty and Marines alumni against boxers representing area police officers and firefighters. The Marine team defeated the St. Louis First Responders by a score of 9 - 4.

Anheuser-Busch donated \$12,500 to the event and was recognized during the opening ceremonies that also included a live performance by the Albany (Georgia) Marine Corps Band, an Olympic-style gift exchange, and a presentation to Marine Gold Star families who have lost a Marine during service to the country.

The BackStoppers assist the families of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel who lose their lives in the line of duty. The BackStoppers serve 20 organizations including 13 counties in Missouri, five in Illinois, Troop C of the Missouri Highway Patrol and District 11 of the Illinois State Police.

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