Jill Diamond of WBC Cares, the WBC charitable arm, reports that the May 14 "A Celebration of Heroes" event at the Gotham Comedy Club went well.

“"Big Champions Supporting Little Champions' really shone, and the evening was filled with warmth, emotion, and laughter," she said. "The Gotham Comedy Club in NYC hosted the evening and provided us with some terrific entertainment. We also took this opportunity to announce our affiliation with two other organization, World Champions Against Bullying and the Non Violence Project, both of which we will work with for the betterment of our children.We want to especially thank Showtime’s Steve Farhood, who emceed the award portion of the cermeony, Pam Hall and Nucci Reyos for their music, and Harold Lederman, for his support.

The event shone a spotlight on a few folks who serve as positive role models for youth, including:

Imamau Mayfield

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Former Cruiserweight World Champion

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The Children's Champion

COMBATT:

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Larry Hazard and Rhonda Utley-Herring

-

A proud history of improving children's lives

Tamara Tunie

-

Film, stage and television actress, director and produce

-

Chair Emerita of Figure Skating in Harlem

-

A role model and inspiration to our Youth

Chief Edward Kilduff

-

FDNY's 34th Chief of Department

-

Inspiring, Protecting and Educating the Community

Joe Mazilli

-

Former NYPD, Officer (nine of those years with the Organized Crime Control Bureau)

-

Television Producer, Creator of Runaway Squad,

-

Bravery on behalf of our children

Melvina Latham

-

Chairwoman of the NYS Athletic Commission

-

Leadership and Dedication to boxing and young athletes

Bruce Silverglade

-

Owner of the world famous Gleason's Gym and

-

Creator of Give a Kid a Dream Foundation

-

Tireless Support of Youth and Boxing

Boyd Melson

-

Multiple United States Amateur Boxing Championships

-

Creator of Team Fight to Walk

-

Compassion and Courage outside the Ring

John Callas

-

WBC Referee + Coach

-

Creator or Oak Boxing Academy

-

Ombudsman for CT Department of Children and Families

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WBC/WCAB Ambassador of 2012