Rolling With the Punches for LI Charities

The Hilton in Melville hosts the 2012 Long Island Fight for Charity.
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Several amateur boxers took one to the kisser Monday, all in the name of charity.

Hundreds of Long Islanders cheered on 17 local business leaders, both men and women, who trained, fundraised and put on their gloves to go toe-to-toe in the ninth annual Long Island Fight for Charity at the in Melville.

Jeff Cohen, Matthew Silver, and Jamie Austin started the Long Island Community Chest in 2001 to raise money to help individuals and families in need on Long Island. Since then, more than $700,000 has been distributed to a diverse list of Long Island Charities.

This year, the boxers were fighting for three charities: The Genesis School, which provides specialized program to people with autism, the Long Island Community Chest and the National Foundation for Human Potential.

2012 Long Island Fight for Charity boxers:

Ginny "A-Team" Armstrong, Reasonable Web Design & Presentations

Mario "The Boxing Broker" Asaro, Industry One Realty Corp.
Dave "The Iron Man" Borg, Borg & Borg Inc.

John "The Neutralizer" Brady, Brian K. Adams & Associates

Ken "The Raging Scorpion" Braun, ManWall.com

Lisa "Platinum Star" Cassar, Hewlett Jewelers

Nick "The Honey Badger" Graziosi, iZigg Mobile Media

Kevin "Buzz Kill" Kelly, BigBuzz Communications

Bill "The Samurai" Mabanta, Lab Crafters

Eddie "RawDawg" Mullally IV, Strong Arm Overhead Doors

Jarrett "The Killa Gorilla" Plafker, AXA Advisors

Will "Rumble" Robles, Ventre Fire Protection & Capitol Fire Protection

Dr. Jay "The Kosher Cowboy" Rothstein, R&R Family Chiropractic

Frank "The White Belt" Sforza, Hurricane Grill & Wings

Al "The Insurance Guy" Stanco, Colstan & Associates

Jeff "The Ice Man" Tempone, East Coast Refrigeration