

TRANSCRIPT: "Dynasty Youth Sports Program"

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Reporter VO:

Freddy Neal's boxing gloves, have taken him around the world.

Fred Neal:

Mexico , Jamaica, Sweden, Russia, Ireland .

[Jab, jab...]

Reporter VO:

And now, in the twilight of his career...

[Jab, jab...]

Reporter VO:

...they've brought the former US champion back home to this dimly lit ring at Cleveland's Estabrook Rec Center.

[...thirty seconds...]

Reporter VO:

His sparring partners, no longer Olympic hopeful, just hopeful.

Fred Neal:

Anything that involves children that that can help them grow and become a little bit more wiser and become more knowledgeable about becoming a productive citizen, I'm all for that.

[Go...]

Reporter VO:

Neil volunteers with the Dynasty Youth Program, a club created to keep Cleveland's kids off the streets and out of danger.

[Good...]

John Calvillo:

Police claimed six victims were treated for gunshot wounds, another nine hours...a violent night in Cleveland, six. Hurt in four different shootings....

Reporter VO:

Scrolling through the headlines co founder John Calvillo knows all too well what that danger looks like on the Cleveland streets that he was raised on.

John Calvillo:

The streets are undefeated. You're never gonna beat the streets. So our whole commitment is keeping these kids off the streets.

Reporter VO:

And the program does that not just with boxing, but basketball and bonding too.

[You got this, you got this...]

Reporter VO:

Open and free to all.

Randy Barnes:

Inside these, these walls, they're safe.

[Okay, all right all right all right...]

Reporter VO:

Cofounder Randy Barnes is a Cleveland native too.

Randy Barnes:

A lot of the kids in the community...they don't have your traditional family unit. There's a need for just a little, little extra guidance.

[Boom, there you go...there, that's what...]

Reporter VO:

And that guidance goes far beyond the court and the ring.

Randy Barnes:

We have a lot of kids in here that want to learn about basketball, but they're also learning about life.

Reporter VO:

Dynasty organizes discussions with local police

[Like don't hesitate to stop us and talk us. We love it.]

Reporter VO:

And they get community members like Nate Philips involved too. Philips, another Cleveland native, says he's made many of the choices he hopes these kids avoid.

Nate Phillips (Speaking to a group of kids):

You may not know me, and I may not know you, but I sincerely want to tell you, we love you very much, so you've got more people out here than you can imagine that's in your corner.

Reporter VO:

And that message seems to have hit its mark.

Cameron Paletta:

I mean, it's kept me straight for a while just sitting here doing this not doing anything else, you know, it's keeping my mind straight. Could be doing something, instead of just out there wandering trying to get into stuff.

Reporter VO:

Cameron is one of nearly 100 dynasty kids that come through Esterbrook each week, and the club's founders, want to see even more.

Randy Barnes:

We either invest in our kids now, or we're gonna pay for them as adults later.

[Good job. Good job, good job.]

John Calvillo:

A lot of people tell me, with the groups we have, if you save one, you did your job. I don't like that. I want to save them all.

[Again...again...again...]