

# Kick off party held for movie inspired by local orphans, Shoeless Wonders

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LYNCHBURG, Va. (WSET) -- A Kick-Off Party took place in downtown Lynchburg Wednesday night to promote a movie about a local group of orphans that used the game of Football to defy odds.

The Academy Center of Arts was filled with local residents eager to learn more about the film.

During the event, the crowds heard from Former NFL player Jake Grove and New York Times Bestselling Author, David Baldacci.

The movie "Shoeless Wonders" is set in the 1920's and chronicles experiences of a team of orphans at the Presbyterian Home for Orphans,. This site is where Humankind now stands, who went undefeated for eight years without wearing any shoes.

"Our motto is don't just make a film, make a difference," explained Sara Elizabeth, the producer of the film. "This is a story that really speaks to the importance of overcoming obstacles."

"It's beautiful that these men, who have not only survived what was really a hardship, but they have thrived," added screenwriter, Rebecca Rogers-Nelson.

Life Out Loud Films is producing the movie, it is set to begin filming in the fall of 2017.

Creators say they plan to cast and film locally.

If you would like to learn more about casting or donations, [click here](#).

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