



Producer working to get local story of the "Shoeless Wonders" to the big screen

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In the 1920's a group of Lynchburg orphans used football as a way to escape the hardships of their lives. The team was undefeated for eight years straight, and they didn't even have shoes.

Now, a local screenwriter, Rebecca Rogers Nelson, and producer, Sarae Elizabeth Timmons, are working to share their story on the big screen.

"The second I heard the story there was no question about it....It's a story of the underdog, of boys that overcame their circumstances and proved that you're circumstances don't determine your success," said Timmons.

Both Timmons and Nelson researched the "[Shoeless Wonders](http://www.shoelesswondersthemovie.com/)" (<http://www.shoelesswondersthemovie.com/>) for months, looking at hours of video and hundreds of photographs before tackling the script.

"We have our story set in the 1920's. That was the beginning of the formation of the team. So what've done is taken all these stories from the 40's, 50's, and 60's and dropped them into the time period of the 20's," said Nelson.

The story of the "[Shoeless Wonders](http://www.shoelesswondersthemovie.com/)" (<http://www.shoelesswondersthemovie.com/>) takes place here at the [Presbyterian Home for Orphans](http://www.humankind.org), now known as [Human Kind](http://www.humankind.org) (<http://www.humankind.org>). When filming begins in the fall 2017, they'll makeover one of the buildings to make it look like it did in the 1920's.

The barn where the team practiced will also get a makeover.

"Our goal is to through telling the story people will be little bit more intrigued to learn about Lynchburg's history," said Timmons.

Timmons hopes the film shows the importance of team, not only in sports, but in the community.

"When we make a film, we don't just want to come into the community and leave. We want to be able to work with the community, and for people to see the end product a year later and be able to say I helped make that happen I was part of it," said Timmons.

They plan to start filming in fall 2017, and release it to the public in 2018. [If you're interested in being an investor, extra, a business partner, or volunteer click here.](http://www.shoelesswondersthemovie.com/) (<http://www.shoelesswondersthemovie.com/>)

The film is produced by [Life Out Loud Films](http://www.LifeOutLoudFilms.com) (<http://www.LifeOutLoudFilms.com>).

