Tu Lucha Launches Boxing Scholarship Program to Empower Underserved Youth

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NEW YORK, Nov. 23, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- **Tu Lucha**, a nonprofit organization founded by husband-and-wife team Jin Bae and Steven Nigro, announced the launch of a youth boxing scholarship program in partnership with Wilner Mendez Boxing Gym in Norwalk, Connecticut. The program helps remove financial barriers to boxing training for children from underserved communities while fostering discipline, confidence, resilience, and essential life skills.

Building on this Connecticut launch, Tu Lucha is in conversations to establish additional scholarship programs with community boxing gyms. These prospective partnerships would provide more young people with access to structured training, positive mentorship, and a supportive environment for personal growth.

"Boxing is about so much more than what happens inside the ring. It teaches discipline, perseverance, self-confidence, and the importance of working hard toward a goal," said Steven Nigro, co-founder of Tu Lucha.

The program officially kicked off on November 21, 2026, with a celebration at Wilner Mendez Boxing Gym attended by its 11 scholarship recipients. The partnership expands Tu Lucha's reach in Fairfield County and creates opportunities for young people who might otherwise be unable to afford boxing training.

"Every child deserves the opportunity to discover their potential, regardless of their family's financial circumstances," said Jin Bae, co-founder of Tu Lucha. "Through these partnerships, we're helping give young people the tools, guidance, and opportunities they need to succeed both inside and outside the gym."

The Connecticut launch marks an important step in Tu Lucha's mission to make the benefits of boxing and mentorship accessible to more young people, with discussions underway about future programs.

About Tu Lucha

Tu Lucha is a nonprofit organization founded by husband-and-wife team Jin Bae and Steven Nigro to empower young people through boxing, mentorship, and opportunities for personal development. Rooted in the belief that every child deserves a chance to succeed, Tu Lucha works to remove financial barriers to structured athletic training and positive role models. Through community partnerships and scholarship initiatives, the organization helps young people build the confidence, discipline, and resilience to succeed in sports and in life. Learn more at **https://www.tulucha.org/**.

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