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Young having a ball at Charity Bounce



□ Children, from culturally diverse communities in Kingsgrove, learnt some new basketball skills last week as part of the launch of not-for-profit group, Charity Bounce.

MORE than 40 disadvantaged children from culturally diverse communities, including Kingsgrove, learnt some new basketball skills as part of the launch of Charity Bounce, a new not-for-profit organisation last month.

The children hit the courts, picking up tips and some inspiration from NBA champion Bruce Bowen, a three-time NBA champion who has overcoming hardships of his own to achieve sporting success, as well as boxer Anthony Mundine.

Also on hand at the launch were stars from the Sydney Uni Flames and the Sydney Kings, including assistant coach Larnard Copeland, who also helped deliver the Inaugural Junior NBA Clinic.

Dedicated to providing a support network for underprivileged children including newly arrived refugees, Charity Bounce's new program includes 'Hoop Dreams' which provides mentoring, coaching programs, basketball pathways and intensive support.

The program aims to achieve positive outcomes in sport, health, education and employment and teacher Jason Brett said he was "truly in awe" of what they've already accomplished under the program to date.

"These clinics are building connections that ultimately make for a stronger community," he said.

"Basketball is one of those sports where the kids can learn to recognise their own identity while also being a part of a larger and welcoming group."