

# James "Bonecrusher" Smith Champion for Kids Inc. National Mentoring Tour and Boxing Legends Hall of Fame Museum

## About the Boxer:

James "Bonecrusher" Smith, started his youth program in 2004. Champion For Kids, Inc. [www.championforkids.org](http://www.championforkids.org), is a nonprofit organization that mentor kids around the world. The focus of Champion for Kids, Inc. is to meet and greet kids around the globe, share inspirational stories of triumph and the will to win as well as the importance of making good decisions.

James "Bonecrusher" Smith grew up in the small town of Magnolia North Carolina. Mr. Smith lived in North Carolina most of his life. "Bonecrusher" trained around many champions in his 18 year professional career. In 1978, James "Bonecrusher" Smith trained in Joe Frazier's gym in Philadelphia, still an amateur at the time, not turning pro until 1981.

"Bonecrusher" won the World Boxing Association Heavyweight (WBA) Title with a first-round knockout of two-time World Boxing Heavyweight Champion "Terrible" Tim Witherspoon on December 12, 1986. He was given a seven-day notice for the fight by promoter Don King. James "Bonecrusher" Smith is the first college graduate in boxing history to win the world boxing heavyweight championship because he had graduated from Shaw University located in Raleigh, NC, in 1975. "Bonecrusher" realized the importance of documenting his life story. He self-published a book, entitled "M.A.D.," Make A Decision."

In 2016, "Bonecrusher" initiated the idea of forming the Boxing Legends Hall of Fame project, where he recognize and honor boxing champions and officials from N.C. The Boxing Legends Hall of Fame Museum Project recognizes and honors champions from around the world at our Annual BLHOF Induction Ceremony.

The purpose of the Boxing Legends Hall of Fame is to collectively bring together boxing's legends to Horry County, S.C., in order to mentor and uplift youth. Please contact, Doreen Williams, Executive Director at (301)537-4362 or email: at [www.dwcommmedia@gmail.com](mailto:www.dwcommmedia@gmail.com), if you have any questions or need additional information.