

Al-amin Muhammad is the founder of We Rise Above the Streets Recovery Outreach. He comes highly qualified to represent the poor and marginalized because for 10 years he was homeless on the streets of Atlanta. He was raised in the South Side of Chicago in a Catholic, Haitian home, by the age of 15; he had been lured into a life of gang violence and drugs. At 25 years old, he was shot in a drive by and nearly lost his life. Although he experienced many other life-threatening incidents, one event inspired him to change his life. In 2008 a fellow inmate asked him what he would leave behind as a legacy for his two daughters. It was that question that inspired him to turn his life around and serve others. He connected to his Creator, turned to Islam, graduated college, and became a life coach. In 2014 he founded We Rise Above The Streets and began to serve the homeless in Atlanta, GA. In 2015 he moved to Syracuse NY where he continues to serve the poor every Saturday.

Alamin and the 100's of volunteers in the community who has served more than 90,000 sack lunches to the homeless in the 5 years at Sandwich Saturday, since he's been a resident of Syracuse. Through his Sandwich Saturday program, more than 600 people are provided a meal, clothes, shoes and hygiene products every week. He has also coordinated and held several cookouts to bring awareness to homelessness. His organization has provided meals, hygiene, and winter items for more than 20,000 people, collectively. We Rise AboveThe Streets has partnered with various organizations and schools in the area, spreading his message of compassion and encouragement to all who he encounters. Alamin mentors at risk youth in the city's most challenging schools, has inspired many to become servants of our community and has been a beacon of light in our city invoking us to action.

He was featured on CBS This Morning News and recently recognized by Jay-Z Rock Nation on black history month and received the Social Justice Award from Syracuse University for his efforts where he was also honored by the mayor of Syracuse with his own holiday, Alamin Muhammad Day and the American Red Cross 2020 Real Hero Award- Recently, he led the protest for the young man who was doused with water by an employee at Dunkin Donuts. Al-Amin is a full time advocate and activist.

Currently, he is in a partnership with Lincoln Middle School and other schools to serve the children and families in the neighborhood. He has also initiated the We Rise Above The Streets Youth Ambassador Program at other schools in Central New York. Alamin is living proof that anyone can successfully rise above their condition. He has been instrumental in helping many of our citizens' rise above the conditions of homelessness, mental poverty, and feelings of abandonment. He is the advocate for and the voice of the least among us.

He dedicates his work and life story to everyone that's suffering from mental health and everyone who struggles finding the purpose of life. Al-amin always said hardest times often lead to the greatest moments of your life. Keep going. Tough situations build strong people in the end. His Journey and story is for you.