James “Mahmood” Watkins is a passionate advocate, mentor, and community leader whose life exemplifies transformation, purpose, and service. After overcoming years of incarceration, Mahmood returned to his community with a renewed commitment to uplift and empower others. He has since worked tirelessly with grassroots organizations, reentry programs, and justice-focused initiatives that support individuals impacted by incarceration.

A powerful voice for change, Mahmood has led mentorship programs for youth, facilitated healing circles, and served as a trusted advisor to those navigating reentry. His journey from incarceration to advocacy has inspired countless others to break cycles of injustice and step into leadership. Known for his humility, compassion, and unwavering drive, Mahmood is a living example of the power of redemption and resilience.

Today, he continues to serve as a light in the community—restoring hope, building bridges, and ensuring no voice goes unheard.