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## His name means 'light' in Arabic, and that's what Nour Ali was to so many people

42-year-old Syrian refugee who dedicated life to helping others is subject of new documentary

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Nour Ali, right, arrived in Winnipeg in 2012 and dedicated his life to creating a welcoming place for all newcomers. (Submitted)

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**8 p.m. on CBC Manitoba**

His name was Nour, which in Arabic, means "light." The 42-year-old Syrian refugee arrived in Winnipeg in December 2012 with his family, ready to begin a new life.

Nour Ali lived a life dedicated to helping others; before coming to Canada, he was invested in human rights movements in Syria.

That didn't change when he moved to Winnipeg. His family was sponsored by a Mennonite church in Manitoba, and once settled into his new home, Ali wanted to pay it forward.

Ali treated the opportunity for his family to come to Canada as a gift, and he wanted to share it with as many people as he could.

Blood drives, community cleanups, homemade meal deliveries; these are just a few ways Ali gave back to the community.

Over the years, he became a pillar of support and kindness in Manitoba's refugee community. It wasn't uncommon to see him at the airport at all hours of the day to welcome a new family.

*All The Light You Leave: The Nour Ali Story* details the remarkable life he lived, and the legacy he left behind after a tragic boating accident on Lake Winnipeg claimed his life.

Through interviews with the people closest to him, the film captures the impact Ali had on the many lives he helped.

**Watch *All The Light You Leave: The Nour Ali Story* on Saturday, Sept. 24 or stream it on [CBC Gem](#).**

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### Corrections

- An earlier version of this story indicated *All The Light You Leave: The Nour Ali Story* would air July 23, 2022. In fact, it is now scheduled to air Sept. 24, 2022.  
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