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## **Comic Book Kids are Diabetes Superheroes - on dLifeTV**

Young brothers team up to create disease-fighting comic book hero 'Omega Boy'

WESTPORT, Conn., Feb. 6, 2007 -- They may seem like ordinary American boys, but they have a secret identity. Malcolm and Kamaal Washington, of Kansas City, Missouri, are 11- and 13-year-old comic book authors. And far from ordinary comics, their creations are designed to inspire other kids and educate people about diabetes. Kamaal, who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at age 9, and his brother Malcolm will have their inspiring story featured this week on dLifeTV, the national weekly show about diabetes, airing Sunday on CNBC at 7:00 pm EST (6:00 pm CST/4:00 pm PST).

The Washington brothers came up with the idea for "Omega Boy," a superhero who fights "Dr. Diabetes," a monster with devious intentions, such as spreading diabetes all over the planet or destroying all the blood glucose meters and insulin pumps. The boys were fortunate to have a father in the comic book business, who made their dream a reality. Today, the boys are on their third comic book and have become self-made spokespersons, lecturing and educating other children about diabetes.

Says Malcolm, "When my brother first found out that he had diabetes, I was real scared, because I didn't know if he could live or die." The close-knit Washington family has banded together to support Kamaal, overcome the obstacles that come with diabetes, and to educate others. "Kamaal and his brother wanted to do something to bring more awareness to the illness," says their dad, Alonzo Washington, founder of Omega Man Comics. "They have been begging me for years to publish one of their characters. When they told me that they wanted to use Omega Boy to address diabetes, how could I say no?"

The Washington brothers were voted into the annual dLife Top 10, Making a Difference in Diabetes in 2006. Read more at <http://www.dlife.com/topten>.

This Sunday, catch a new episode dLife TV, the weekly show which inspires, informs and connects the diabetes community with stories about real people, celebrities, cooking segments and information from top diabetes experts.

### **About dLife – For Your Diabetes Life**

dLifeTV is the first and only national weekly lifestyle series devoted to living with diabetes, and [www.dLife.com](http://www.dLife.com) is the largest independent website with diabetes information. The dLife.com TV Viewing Room offers original streaming video content - unique and entertaining diabetes information for people with diabetes, with prediabetes, or who have a family member with diabetes. dLife, the first and only multimedia platform for diabetes information, inspiration, and connection, is produced by LifeMed Media. dLifeTV airs every Sunday on CNBC at 7:00 pm ET, 6:00 pm CT, and 4:00 pm PT. The dLife Diabetes Minute is also heard on radio stations around the country and on XM Satellite Radio.

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