

ANTOINE PATTON

Photo Patch Foundation

2019 Black Male Achievement Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Provide support for children with incarcerated parents by using software that connects them with their parents and other youth in similar situations and educating them about other life pathways.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Photo Patch Foundation, in keeping with its mission to end the cycle of intergenerational incarceration, has built a support system for kids with an incarcerated parent. It has developed a mobile app that allows kids to upload photos and messages for their parent to the app (a free service), and volunteers print, package, and mail the physical letters to the prison. Photo Patch Foundation's vision is to expose youth to different career options and leadership development training so that they can grow up and live fruitful lives.

PERSONAL BIO

Antoine Patton is the founder and executive director of Photo Patch Foundation. Raised in Buffalo, New York, Antoine officially committed to serve at-risk youth while he was serving an eight-year prison sentence for criminal possession of a weapon. While in prison he learned how to code and pledged to use technology to open doors for others. Released from prison in 2014, Antoine immediately launched Photo Patch Foundation with plans to serve the 2.7 million youth with parents in prison. More recently, Antoine has been teaching youth how to build apps and websites. He taught his daughter Jay Jay how to code, leading her to develop her own app. Antoine has a liberal arts degree from Bard College. He is the author of *From Cages to Stages: How S.T.E.M. Changed My Life*. Antoine is a 2019 Echoing Green Fellow.

Organization/Fellow Location

Cape Coral, United States

Impact Location

North America

United States

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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