

JELANI ANGLIN

Good Call

Co-Founded with Gabe Leader-Rose

2018 Black Male Achievement Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Protect the civil rights of low-income individuals and people of color by providing immediate access to free legal support in case of an arrest.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Good Call seeks to reduce mass incarceration and empower communities that are marginalized by the criminal justice system. Good Call does this by ensuring that people who get arrested have a fair process and just outcome, and that they aren't punished because of how much money they have, what they look like, or where they live. Good Call runs a free, tech-enabled 24/7 hotline to connect people with immediate legal help if they, or a loved one, are arrested. The long-term goal is to reduce pretrial jail nationwide and support policy that requires better legal support throughout the arrest process.

PERSONAL BIO

Jelani Anglin is co-founder and co-executive director of Good Call. A community organizer and serial entrepreneur, Jelani started his first online business during high school, for which he was awarded the New York State FBLA Business Plan of the Year award, and was featured on national TV. Prior to founding Good Call, Jelani worked on a variety of issue-based and electoral campaigns. Growing up in Far Rockaway, New York, and organizing in low-income communities across the east coast, Jelani experienced, firsthand, the pitfalls that exist for those oppressed by the criminal justice system. He works every day to better communities similar to where he grew up and hopes his work will be a stepping stone for other young black males.

Issue area

Civil and Human Rights

Organization/Fellow Location

New York, United States

Impact Location

North America

United States

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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