

## THE EARLY YEARS

1991-1997

'91-'92

Six Wall Street professionals established Minds Matter to mentor and tutor inner-city high school students as well as assist them with applications to competitive preparatory schools.

'92-'93

Officially incorporated as a non-profit organization, Minds Matter of NYC, Inc. obtained tax-exempt status as a public charity.

'93-'94

The Senior Program began helping returning seniors apply to college.

## COMING OF AGE

1998-2001

'98-'99

Received the Dedicating Resources for Education and Motivation (DREAM) Award from the New York City Council's Education Committee for dedication to improving the educational experience of New York City students.

JPMorgan Chase began generously donating office space for mentoring sessions.

'99-'00

Sapna and Ashish Shah donated \$100,000 to Minds Matter of NYC to create the Achievement Award Scholarship endowment, awarded each year to an academically and financially deserving college-bound senior.

'00-'01

The Minds Matter experience came full circle: the first Minds Matter mentee returned to be a mentor.

SAT Program initiated to provide students with 13 weeks of structured test preparation.

Received \$20,000 from the Ford Good Neighbor Committee.

## SUCCESS

2001-2005

'01-'02

Hosted the first Annual Minds Matter Soiree and raised more than \$14,000.

Three seniors named New York Times Scholarship semi-finalists.

'03-'04

Founded first expansion chapter, Minds Matter of Boston, Inc., with its first class in January 2004.

'04-'05

Founded second expansion chapter, Minds Matter of Denver, Inc., with its first class in the fall of 2004.

Hired first full-time employee, Rissa Durham, as Executive Director of Minds Matter of NYC, Inc.

## GROWTH

2005-2007

'05-'06

Selected Chicago, Illinois, and Portland, Oregon, as sites for the third and fourth expansion chapters.

Hired second full-time employee, Martha Bloem, as Program and Development Assistant.

'06-'07

Established National headquarters to guide and support local Chapters.

Implemented first full year of Writing & Critical Thinking curriculum.