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Client Spotlight

Each month we have the privilege of featuring a unique nonprofit organization serving a vulnerable community in the tri-state area.

As 2015 draws to an end, we are glad to turn the spotlight on Student/Partner Alliance, headquartered in Summit, New Jersey.

S/PA was initially founded in the late 1980s by Tom Cash, who realized that a disproportionate number of inner-city high school students were not graduating, in order to offer scholarships to low-income youth to attend neighborhood, parochial high schools where they would receive a college preparatory education in a safe, supportive environment. Soon, several of his friends joined him and the support for his new program grew. Ultimately, he realized that he could not accomplish his goals as effectively on his own unless he created an organization with some real structure and sustainability. The organization was formally incorporated in 1993 as Student/Partner Alliance (S/PA). Along with Tom's personal financial support, he has been able to attract more donors and generate more revenue by developing their 501 C 3 status. This change thereby enabled more of New Jersey's poor, inner-city youth to receive a quality high school education.

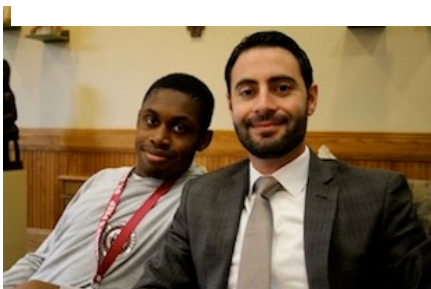


Under the current leadership of Emmett Daly, President of the Board and Margaret Momber, Executive Director, S/PA has made great strides in pursuing their mission and increasing the number of New Jersey students who graduate from high school. What this non-sectarian, nonprofit organization offers to concerned individuals, corporations and foundations, is a way to come together and collectively help economically disadvantaged but determined and motivated young people from New Jersey's inner-cities gain a strong advantage through education. Knowing that a good education is the best solution for every child, S/PA draws on financial support from personal, foundation, church and corporate funders to ensure that these children obtain a high school education from a college preparatory private school in their neighborhoods in Newark, Jersey City, Bayonne, Montclair and Elizabeth, along with the assistance of a personal mentor. Recognizing that the 60-69% graduation rate indicates a lack of effectiveness of the public schools serving these communities, S/PA helps to remedy the situation by developing alternative options for the children living there. Eight inner-city private schools are

supported by S/PA's tuition assistance for low-income students and, not surprisingly, their graduation rates are in excess of 95% as they provide a college preparatory education in a supportive and safe environment.

The end goal goes beyond great high school test scores and high graduation rates of course. The intent is for these children to break out of the cycle of poverty with a great high school foundation that leads to enrolling in college and ultimately, starting on a rewarding career journey that would never have been attainable without the financial and mentoring support offered by S/PA.

Cash's dreams for helping at risk children find a new path have become a reality. Over 1650 students have already graduated from their local private high schools as recipients of hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships, which are attributed to contributions from 24 corporate and foundation supporters and hundreds of individual donors.



These metrics clearly demonstrate the immediate impact S/PA is having on the community and on the children who are eager to break free of the impoverished life style that they were born into.

We are proud to have Student/Partner Alliance as a client. To find out more information we invite you to visit their website at <http://studentpartneralliance.org>