HighSight's mission is to provide academic and social support to Chicago high school students. HighSight provides scholarships, tutoring, mentoring, leadership development and college readiness programs to enable its students to attend and succeed at the private high school of their choice.

Who we are:
Since 1992, HighSight has been working with low income Chicago youth who otherwise would not have access to a quality, private high school education. This year, more than 80 students are attending 16 private high schools with HighSight scholarships. Another 70 students participate in our middle school mentoring program. In total, the high school and middle school programs have nearly 100 volunteer mentors assisting the students.

What we do:
HighSight provides scholarships, academic mentoring, tutoring, leadership development, and college readiness programs for low-income high school students in the city of Chicago. HighSight programs allow motivated, yet underserved youth, the opportunity to attend the quality private high school of their choice. Ultimately, HighSight expects each scholar to attend a four year college or university.

What we need:
This year, HighSight’s operating budget is approximately $800,000. Grant support and special events generate more than 80% of the funding. Given these numbers, HighSight relies on the generosity of individual donors to make up the remainder of our budget. This year we need to increase this number so that we can welcome more scholars into our HighSight community.

Continue your New Year’s Celebration!
Join us for our upcoming Happy Hour:

Thursday, February 21, 2013 | 5:30pm-8:30pm
Benchmark | 1510 North Wells Street
$40 per person

Please visit highsight.org to make a donation.
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Midsummer Eve of the Eve
5:30pm – 9:30pm
The Plaza at Park Grill
11 North Michigan Avenue

HighSight Happy Hour
5:30pm – 8:30pm
Symphony Center
67 East Adams Street

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The 19th annual EVE of the EVE, held December 30, 2012 at Chicago’s Union Station, was a tremendous success. This year’s event netted $175,000 for HighSight’s Scholarship Program.

We are deeply grateful to all our guests, supporters and sponsors, whose generosity helps to provide the scholarships, tutoring, mentoring, leadership development and college readiness programs that enable our scholars to succeed at Chicago’s private high schools.

To learn about sponsorship opportunities for EVE of the EVE 2013 or any of HighSight’s upcoming fundraisers, please contact Patty Hart at 312.787.9824 ext. 228 or e-mail patty@highsight.org.

Mentor Spotlight
Nick Sanit

Nick Sanit’s experience with Insight helped open his eyes to the competitive nature of Chicago high schools. Nick said, “I wasn’t aware of how difficult and important it is for students to get into the better charter and magnet high schools. Some of the students live in bad areas where their local high schools might be either dangerous or not equipped to prepare them for college, so the importance of getting into a good high school is magnified.” HighSight and Insight mentors are vital in helping the elementary school students develop strong study habits and work on their grades, study for the high school entrance exam and apply for scholarships.

When explaining his reasons for volunteering with Insight, Nick said, “I’ve been fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend a good college that led me to a career. So, to help aspiring students that might not have the same opportunities that I was given is the least I can do. It’s rewarding to see a student that works hard and gets into the high school of their choice, then eventually moves onto the college of their choice. It makes me feel proud to be part of an organization that helps students achieve their goals.” Nick has been volunteering with the Insight Program for eight years.

Insight Facts

> Insight students attend 29 different public and private Chicago elementary schools
> 50% of the Insight 8th grade students received scholarships to private high schools
> Over 25 Insight graduates are currently HighSight scholars

Alumni Spotlight Updates
Vanessa Alvarez ’05

Vanessa Alvarez graduated from Notre Dame High School for Girls in 2005. She earned her B.A at the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2010 and majored in Secondary Education with a concentration in Spanish. Vanessa is a Spanish teacher at LaSalle II Magnet School and teaches K-6th grade. She is also an active HighSight mentor and was the guest alumnus speaker at the 2012 HighSight Graduation Dinner. Vanessa is currently working with other HighSight alumni to establish the HighSight Young Professionals.

Nate Ollie ’11

Nate Ollie graduated from Mt. Carmel High School as a successful student athlete and headed to Ball State with a full-fusion football scholarship. Nate, who is majoring in Criminal Justice, plays football at Ball State and is a two-time All-MAC player. Nate hopes his talents and accomplishments will take him to the NFL so he can become one of HighSight’s donors.