

15 YEARS OF IGNITING SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION



1993 A Bold Idea

McKinsey & Co. partner Julien Phillips and Rhodes scholar Kim Grose co-found PartnersSI with the vision of creating a national service organization to spark social change across multiple sectors.

1997 – 1999 Comprehensive School Reform

PartnersSI strives to become the next leading comprehensive Bay Area school reform organization. We join forces with the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative and adopt the Cycle of Inquiry and other research-based tools and theories.

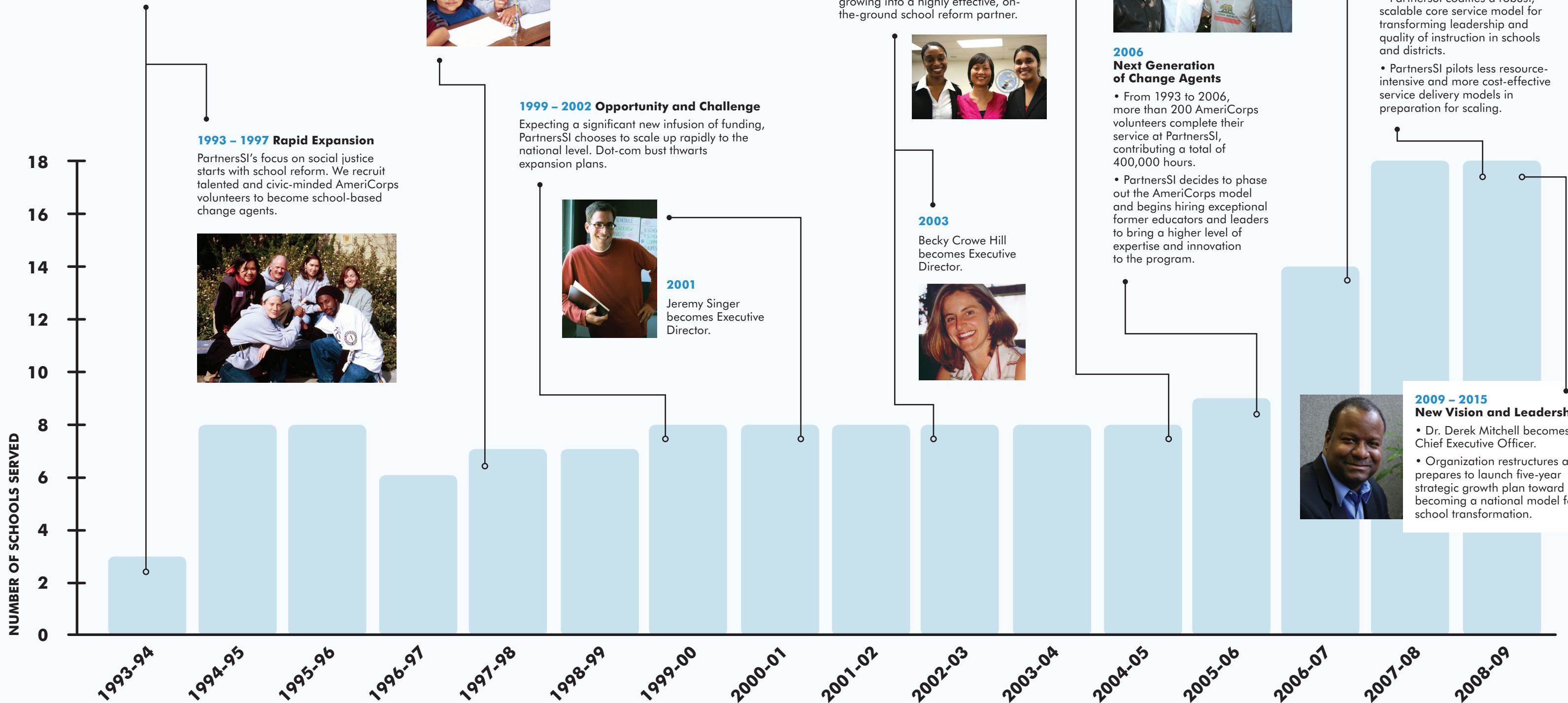


2005 School Improvement Fellows

PartnersSI pilots two-year fellowships and provides a training ground for experienced and passionate teachers driven to propel school change and develop into educational leaders.

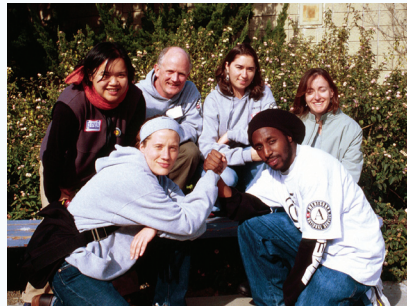
2006 – 2009 School to District Transformation

- Partnerships expand from school-level to district-level with rapidly increasing annual investments from district and funding partners.
- English Language Development and Leadership Development Initiatives mark a major investment in PartnersSI's intensive research, program and knowledge development efforts.



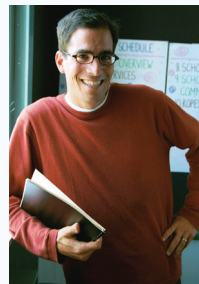
1993 – 1997 Rapid Expansion

PartnersSI's focus on social justice starts with school reform. We recruit talented and civic-minded AmeriCorps volunteers to become school-based change agents.



1999 – 2002 Opportunity and Challenge

Expecting a significant new infusion of funding, PartnersSI chooses to scale up rapidly to the national level. Dot-com bust thwarts expansion plans.



2001

Jeremy Singer becomes Executive Director.

2002 – 2004 Renewed Energy

Focus turns to transforming literacy achievement in Bay Area schools and growing into a highly effective, on-the-ground school reform partner.



2003

Becky Crowe Hill becomes Executive Director.



2006

Next Generation of Change Agents

- From 1993 to 2006, more than 200 AmeriCorps volunteers complete their service at PartnersSI, contributing a total of 400,000 hours.

- PartnersSI decides to phase out the AmeriCorps model and begins hiring exceptional former educators and leaders to bring a higher level of expertise and innovation to the program.

2008 – 09 Inflection Point

- Team evolves into School Innovation Partners – outstanding former teachers and principals who have multiple internal career pathways at PartnersSI which extend beyond the two-year School Improvement Fellowship.

- PartnersSI codifies a robust, scalable core service model for transforming leadership and quality of instruction in schools and districts.

- PartnersSI pilots less resource-intensive and more cost-effective service delivery models in preparation for scaling.

2009 – 2015 New Vision and Leadership

- Dr. Derek Mitchell becomes Chief Executive Officer.

- Organization restructures and prepares to launch five-year strategic growth plan toward becoming a national model for school transformation.

