



Our Beginnings

In 1985, Aileen and Ian Spence started The Learning Incentive, a small tutoring service, with the mission to help intelligent students with learning challenges succeed. Two years later, with the encouragement of parents and colleagues, Aileen and Stan founded Ben Bronz Academy, a full day school serving bright students with learning disabilities. Since 1985, Ben Bronz Academy received State of Connecticut Approval as a Private Special Education Program and The Learning Incentive, Inc. continued to expand its services to include other non-state approved programs such as Study Skills, Cyberslate©, Summer programs, and more. The Learning Incentive and Ben Bronz Academy offered specialized instruction as the essence of their approach. Every academic year, students in these programs demonstrated life-changing progress in all academic areas.

In 2015, after thirty years of service, Aileen and Ian Spence retired. Ben Bronz Foundation, Inc. took over operations of all programming to allow us to continue our efforts to provide life-changing educational services to future generations of students. Ben Bronz Foundation, Inc. continues the original mission of its founders and operates Ben Bronz Academy and Summer programs. It also supports ongoing research to measure the results of its programs, to improve student outcomes and to look at new educational approaches that may improve student achievements.