



Matthew's Center (<https://matthewscenter.org/>) is a non-profit, education-based organization focusing on communication & social skill instruction for autistic students. The Center believes autism affects the entire family and offers programming to provide maximum support to the family as a whole.

I contacted Mason SBDC in the Fall of 2020. I had just led the school through the lockdown and restrictions of the pandemic, and we had survived and were still in business. I recently became the Executive Director of the organization and was seeking some coaching in my new role specific to managing a non-profit board and creating business/financial plans for the future.

Namrata Maguire was the perfect fit for me. She has a long history of coaching and supporting women in leadership positions. I worked with Namrata on a weekly basis for a couple of months reviewing our current business plan and creating a new one focused on growth. With each coaching session, my confidence in my role increased. She was impressed with my financial acumen and encouraged me to believe that I had what it takes to be an effective leader in my organization. Namrata and I scrubbed our existing business plan and financial projections and through our strategic discussions, we incorporated new elements to the plan including hiring a Development Director to help with both publicity and fundraising. Namrata joined our Board Meeting in January 2021. She was instrumental in helping the Board feel comfortable with its current financials and leadership (me!). The Board approved the investment for a Development Director which we are in the process of hiring and which I believe will help take the organization to its next level.

We are thrilled with the support we received from Mason SBDC and specifically Namrata Maguire.



Brandy Moss

Executive Director

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