

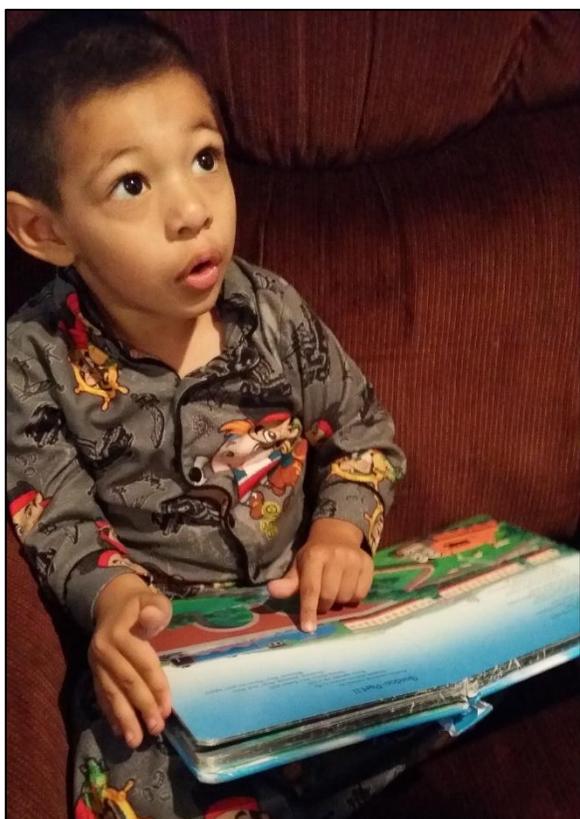
10BH now serving 21% of future East Palo Alto kindergarteners

Hi Everyone,

As a result of training more volunteer Role Models on November 5th, 10BH admitted its 103rd family in 2016. *10BH now serves 21% of East Palo Alto children who will enter kindergarten in 2018.*

Numbers can understate impact, though. That's why we've included three short Learner Profiles of children new to 10BH. Add up the profiles of 100 more families and you begin to approach the real impact and potential of 10BH.

Learner Profiles



(1) Danny (10BH Founder & CEO Paul Thiebaut III's Learner). Danny has autism. They've had 11 lessons and this photo from their 10th lesson shows Danny reading a book to his mom and Paul for the first time.

Although Danny has extremely limited language (e.g. "Hi", "I did it!", "All done") and his speech is more of a mumbling than enunciated words, his Intrinsic Learning Motivations (ILMs) are pronounced: (1) trains, (2) Thomas the Train, (3) cutting, and (4) counting.

Paul plans activities for every lesson based on Danny's ILMs (10BH trains and supports volunteer Role Models in doing this now) and every lesson Danny makes skill and knowledge gains that surprise his mother (e.g. longer concentration, listening to instructions, cutting ability, interest in new activities like puzzles, increased comprehension of how to build things,

bonding with Paul, etc.).

[Paul's lessons](#) are being published on 10BH's Youtube Channel to show how 10BH's Learner Centric Approach works, its impacts, and among other objectives, a more dynamic way to provide training and technical support to volunteer Role Models. Check out the beginning of [lesson 9](#) to see Danny's ILMs wake him up, and the beginning of [lesson 1](#) to see the Bag Dump (the way every Role Model starts a lesson in order to let the Learner's ILMs shape the lesson).



(2) Caden. Caden had her first lesson with Role Model Praveen last week. Praveen is a successful mid-level manager at a high profile Silicon Valley company and got involved due to a love for kids.

During his post first lesson check in with 10BH staff, Praveen said “It was amazing! She was not shy, not even for a second.” (Learners have a hard time resisting the Bag Dump)

Caden used playdoh and pasta to make a pancake and Mickey Mouse:



She used flashcards to sing the ABCs, used the 10BH activity mat to trace and draw faces, and was excited about colors, shapes, an airplane book, and a princess book.

10BH staff are excited to continue supporting Praveen in cultivating his Learner’s ILMs using the thousands of activities and donated books located in its facility.



(3) Mya. Mya was admitted about one month ago. Already, her mother is getting involved in supporting Mya’s ILMs.

Here, Mya and her mother are pictured during a lesson with matching princess tiaras, nestled between Mya’s new 10BH bookcase, 10 books, and 10BH backpack.

Her Role Model, Dovile, is a director at a high profile Silicon Valley financial consulting firm for startups, and said after a couple of lessons with Mya:

“10BH is for more than only underserved communities. It has the potential to prevent train jumping in East Palo Alto’s neighboring school community, Palo Alto.”

Want to see more Learners?

Our [Community Board](#) is where Role Models post regularly and where we put up new activities and donated books we add to our facility, among other things. It's a great place to stay inspired and knowledgeable about our impact.

What is 10BH today?

10BH is a Learning Motivation Nonprofit that discovers what every Learner loves learning about (Intrinsic Learning Motivations) and then continuously develops curriculum to cultivate the Learner's skills and knowledge in established and newly discovered ILMs.

10BH's mantra is "Get good at what you love."

Where is 10BH going?

We're expanding to East San Jose in 2018. Our second site will serve the community of Alum Rock.

What is 10BH's ultimate goal?

People experience poverty locally. So, 10BH intends to end poverty locally.

Living in high poverty communities, like East Palo Alto and Alum Rock, chronically exposes children to numerous risks and disadvantages. Research shows that as risk factors mount, children are more likely to struggle.

From 2000-2013, the percentage of US students living in high poverty communities doubled from 12 to 24 percent. (US Dept. of Education) Nearly 1 million high poverty students start kindergarten annually. (Ibid.)

10BH believes any viable solution to end poverty will feel local and be widespread among the people. 10BH's vision has three stages in every community it will serve:





As of 2016, 10BH is reaching stage two of its vision in East Palo Alto. While 10BH has no delusions about the time it will take to end poverty, results do not take that long to emerge.

You can view [10BH's latest longitudinal results](#) on the academic achievement of East Palo Alto children who graduated 10BH and are making their way through grade school. 10BH will track every child until high school completion.