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**The Institute for Human and Social Development, Inc. and 10 Books A Home extend School Readiness Partnership to provide 80 disadvantaged families with additional options for readying their preschoolers for kindergarten**

*Partnership aims to close the school-readiness gap by extending into the home many of the educational opportunities children receive in preschool and more advantaged homes*

**East Palo Alto, CA** – The Institute for Human and Social Development, Inc. (IHSD) Executive Director, Angel Barrios, and 10 Books A Home (10BH) CEO & Founder, Paul Thiebaut III, extended their organization’s School-Readiness Partnership this week. Approximately 80 disadvantaged families living in East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park who are on wait lists at four IHSD operated Head Start preschools were notified of their eligibility for 10BH's Child-Parent Home Tutoring Program.

Research shows that children from low-income backgrounds tend to start grade school at an academic disadvantage compared to their more advantaged peers.<sup>1</sup> It is also this group who are least likely to catch up.<sup>2</sup> The IHSD and 10BH School Readiness Partnership aims to increase the school-readiness of disadvantaged children by expanding into the home many of the educational opportunities prekindergarten children receive in preschool and more advantaged homes.

10BH CEO & Founder, Mr. Thiebaut said, “The best case scenario is that under-served children are enrolled in both preschool and 10BH. The reality, though, is that not all

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<sup>1</sup> Inequality at the Starting Gate: Social Background Differences in Achievement as Children Begin School. (2002) Digest of Education, 2011. Table 134. Children's reading, language, mathematics, color knowledge, and fine motor skills at about 4 years of age, by child's age and selected characteristics. (2005-06)

<sup>2</sup> The Condition of Education 2013. National Center for Education Statistics. (2013)  
National Assessment of Educational Progress, reading and math scores by poverty status (2013)

families who apply to Head Start can gain a spot. The School Readiness Partnership provides those families with access to one-on-one tutoring, positive adult role models, and books, which have all been associated with improved educational trajectories.”

According IHSD Executive Director, Ms. Barrios, “Partnerships that support literacy in children and families are so important at this young age. Reading is one of the most important skills for success in school and in life.”

Between 2012-2013, IHSD’s and 10BH’s previous partnership resulted in 27 children enrolling in 10BH's Child-Parent Home Tutoring program. Some of these children have since started kindergarten and according to 10BH’s longitudinal tracking are currently performing at or above grade level in kindergarten.

With early childhood education at the forefront of education reform today, especially in under resourced communities, IHSD’s and 10BH’s partnership may be viewed as an investment in this nation’s future by providing less resourced families with access to two complimentary and comprehensive early education and development programs.

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**The Institute for Human and Social Development, Inc.** is a non-profit organization that provides comprehensive child development services for children from birth through five years throughout San Mateo County. Through their child care centers, family child care homes, and home-visiting programs they offer early education and development services that are built upon the needs of the local children, families, and communities. Moreover, IHSD’s services establish a foundation for children and families to achieve their fullest potential and effectively contribute to a changing society. They deliver high quality

services through our caring and creative staff who are committed to advancing and expanding their expertise and skill base. . More information can be found at <http://www.ihsdinc.org/Home.htm>.

**10 Books A Home** is an East Palo Alto based 501(c)(3) early childhood education nonprofit designed to prepare low-income homes for a successful transition into kindergarten by providing a family-focused approach to developing children's literacy, language, numeracy, and social-emotional skills. 10BH's Child-Parent Home Tutoring Program provides children with one-on-one tutoring and positive role models in exchange for parent participation as well as helps children build home libraries by giving them books donated by people and organizations in the surrounding community. More information can be found at [www.10booksahome.org](http://www.10booksahome.org).

**Head Start** is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to 5 from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development.

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