The Big Lift is a San Mateo County initiative focused on improving third-grade reading proficiency. Three backbone agencies manage the Big Lift: San Mateo County, the San Mateo County Office of Education and Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

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This is Brianna. Brianna is from Daly City and attended The Big Lift Inspiring Summers program for the first time in 2018. When Brianna entered the program, she was shy and had trouble communicating with the other children and her teachers. Her parents were concerned about her entering school.

Through the tireless work of her summer teachers and the rest of the staff, Brianna was an entirely different child by the end of the four-week program. Not only did her literacy skills increase by 3+ months, but her social-emotional skills went through the roof. By the end of the program, she made friends, understood the routine of the school day and was comfortable in the classroom. Brianna excelled on all fronts and received the Kindergarten Courage Award from Supervisor David Canepa; one of four awards presented to the entire student body in Jefferson Elementary School District.

Because of The Big Lift and the many people who work tirelessly on behalf of San Mateo County children, thousands of children are entering school ready to learn and are staying on track to read proficiently at third grade. We’re so proud to support thousands of children, just like Brianna, and know that The Big Lift is having a significant impact in seven communities across San Mateo County!