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Springboard Collaborative

2012 Global Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Transform summer from a barrier to a catalyst in closing the literacy gap by combining targeted instruction and parent training with incentives for student success.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

With limited access to books and parents unsure how to help, elementary-aged students in low-income communities face huge reading losses over the summer. Springboard Collaborative approaches the summer as a low-cost opportunity to coach teachers in data-driven instruction, train parents as reading instructors, and incentivize K-3rd graders to make significant and lasting literacy gains.

PERSONAL BIO

Alejandro Gibes de Gac is a 1st grade teacher turned entrepreneur. His passion for education—ignited when his family immigrated to the U.S. seeking educational opportunity—led him to the classroom. His frustration with a system disserving his students led him to found Springboard in 2011. Alejandro was since honored as 'one of the world's best emerging social innovators' by Echoing Green, a leading impact investor that selected 20 startups from 3,500 global applicants. He was also named one of Forbes' 30 under 30 and recognized as one of two national recipients of the Claneil Emerging Leaders Fund. Alejandro is an alumnus of Teach for America and McKinsey & Company. He holds a BA with high honors from Harvard University and an MS in Urban Ed from the University of Pennsylvania. His favorite childhood book is The Little Prince—it continues to inspire him today.

Organization/Fellow Location

Alameda, United States

Impact Location

North America

United States

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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