

Anthony continues to settle into his routine at home and school during his second year here at Build House. He especially looks forward to swimming, despite his severe visual and hearing impairments. Unlike many teenagers, he can't wait to get to school!

finding new ways to see

One of Build House's strengths has always been the ability to adapt to the changing needs of our residents. Both Louis and Anthony have severe visual impairments, leading us to change the ways we communicate around the house. By running his fingers over tactile symbols, Anthony can find his way around the house or classroom, and Louis adapts to his new life through listening to familiar books on tape and music. Staff also experiment with unusual sensory cues to communicate, such as taste and smell, by using different fragrances as a way to distinguish between objects and people- and one doesn't need sight to know what time it is from the delicious smell of dinner cooking!



David H arrives home from his adult program

David H is increasing his independence and learning about his culture and heritage through his day program with Asian Community Services. He continues to enjoy watching sports, and treasures his time with UC Berkeley volunteers through our peer social program. He especially enjoys eating out at restaurants with friends or family. We hope to be able to continue these valuable recreational opportunities despite the uncertainty of funding for persons with developmental disabilities in California.

your continuing support means our youth won't suffer painful cutbacks targeting the most vulnerable people in our society.

In times like these, we know each dollar you give to worthy causes must be considered carefully. When you choose Build House, your support goes directly to the young people we serve with no stops along the way. We value you, our donor community, as the other half of the puzzle to providing great service to these unique individuals. Whether it's visiting the kite festival at the Berkeley Marina, listening to drummers at Sproul Plaza, riding BART, visiting our local YMCA, or enjoying a delicious meal at one of Berkeley's many ethnic restaurants, you have ensured that Build's young people are an integral part of our East Bay community, and ongoing proof that the future remains bright, no matter what awaits over the horizon.

You can be assured that Build House will continue to be a bright spot of hope through stormy times.

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