

Non-Profit Mi Casa de Angeles Improves the Lives of Impoverished Children in Peru

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"Improving education and empowering children in impoverished areas throughout Peru"

In 2009, Westlake Village resident Gabriella Brignardello founded **Mi Casa de Angeles**, a non-profit organization with a mission of improving education and empowering children in impoverished areas throughout Peru. At the time, Gabriella was a 15 year old La Reina High School student with family ties to Peru through her father, who is originally from Lima. Now 18 and a freshman at Stanford University, Gabriella continues to be inspired to make a difference in the lives of Peruvian children in need.



Mi Casa de Angeles

Founder/CEO Gabriella Brignardello with Peruvian children.

To date, Mi Casa de Angeles has raised over \$100,000 in the United States through various fundraising events and an additional \$50,000 with partners in Peru. The organization has launched two projects in Peru. A pilot program was initiated in August 2012 involving sponsorship of a highly trained teacher through Enseña Perú (Teach Peru) serving impoverished students that cannot afford private education.

More recently, the organization broke ground in the construction of a nursery/preschool in the shantytown of Pachacutec in Lima. Mi Casa de Angeles is working with two Peruvian non-profits, Sembrando Juntos and Lincos, to provide local children, ages 0 to 5, with a higher quality of education. The video below provides insight into this worthy endeavor.

To learn more about Mi Casa de Angeles and how you can help, visit www.micasadeangeles.org. In the **Events section of the site** do take a look at the annual Benefit Fashion Show in Westlake Village, planned in late June.