



LOCAL NEWS

Westlake Teen to Hold Fund Raiser for her foundation!



The daughter of a prominent REALTOR® has been inspired to help those less fortunate. Gabriella Brignardello is a sophomore at La Reina High School in Thousand Oaks and she has started her own foundation, Mi Casa de Angeles. During trips to visit her father's homeland, she decided to help children in Peru who were not as fortunate as she. "It is heartbreaking to see so many children so poor, begging for money," Gabriella says, "My main focus is getting teens in this country involved in service projects like this. My goal is to raise awareness." She has raised around \$1,500 towards her goal of building a school for 150 to 200 children in Lima, Peru. On Saturday, February 6, she is holding a garage sale and hopes to raise a couple thousand more. She figures she will need a half a million dollars to build the school, and \$200,000 to run it every year. That's a lofty goal for a teenager, but Gabriella has always enjoyed raising money for charitable causes. "Now," she says, "I want to raise money for my own cause, something I'm passionate about."

The idea began to crystallize when she thought about the fact that she has been fortunate to be able to receive a good quality education, something that the children of the mostly illiterate country of Peru would never have. With 45% of the population living below the poverty level, she decided that education could "give them a chance to succeed."

Her next goal is to garner some larger corporate sponsors, primarily those already doing business in Peru. She is currently working with some architects and others in Peru to design the school and come up with some more definite costs.

For more information, or to make a donation, see: www.micasadeangeles.org or you can support Gabriella's garage sale for Mi Casa de Angeles with a donation of saleable products, or purchases on Saturday, February 6, at 100 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd. in Thousand Oaks from 8 am to 3 pm.

My Mission:
"I want to improve education and empower children in impoverished areas throughout Peru."

1ST ANNUAL GARAGE SALE!

Mi Casa de Angeles was founded in 2009 by Gabriella Brignardello, a local of Thousand Oaks and sophomore at La Reina High School, with the purpose of raising funds to build boarding schools in impoverished areas throughout Peru, thereby empowering the children with knowledge and improving their lives so that they can have a better opportunity to succeed in society.



www.micasadeangeles.org
100% of all profits from this garage sale will be donated to Mi Casa de Angeles
Come and join us on
Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010
8 a.m.-3 p.m.
100 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd.
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362



We are in need of DONATIONS and VOLUNTEERS, so if you would like to help, please contact Gabriella Brignardello at: 805.358.0002 or gbrignardello@micasadeangeles.org. All donations can be picked up at your house, or be dropped off at Gabriella's house by Friday, Feb. 5. Mi Casa de Angeles is intended to be a non-profit organization (application pending). For purposes of claiming a tax deduction for usable donations, please refer to the following ID number: 27-1585081. Donations include: used electronics, appliances, clothes, books, games, toys, movies, ornaments, decorations, furniture, gym equipment, or anything else that is in decent condition and can be sold!