

## Yamile Santos Eagle's Nest

535 East Duane Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

*A small, home-based daycare that prides itself on individual and nurturing care for toddlers.*



"I hope that their experience in a loving environment here plants a seed of love in their hearts and makes a difference."

Upon moving to the United States from Colombia, Yamile decided to take child education classes and to open her own daycare. Now open, Eagle's Nest is a nurturing environment where children not only learn to speak both Spanish and English, but also learn the invaluable life lessons of love.

### Business By The Numbers

**Loan Amount: \$5,000**  
**Industry: Childcare**  
**Business Start Date: February, 2009**

#### Challenge

Yamile worked in advertising, but, in search of more satisfaction from her job, returned to her passion for teaching and children. Although she was diagnosed with cancer and forced to postpone her daycare's opening, she used her goal as a source of strength throughout her cancer treatments.

#### Opportunity

Opportunity Fund gave Yamile a small loan to convert her home's downstairs into an infant-friendly area so that she could turn her dream into reality.

#### Giving Back

Yamile is well-connected with the Hispanic community. She volunteers with her church to help at-risk youth and victims of domestic violence. In her daycare, she stresses the importance of community and loving care, and stresses that children need more than just educational experiences.

#### The Big Picture

Once she establishes a strong client base, Yamile hopes to open a center outside of her home where she can provide bilingual, nurturing care to a larger group of children.