



COLOR OF EDUCATION



Sil Ganzo

Sil Ganzo is the founder and Executive Director of ourBRIDGE for KIDS. Sil moved to Charlotte, NC in 2003 from Buenos Aires, Argentina, by herself.

When Sil became involved with the refugee and immigrant families in 2010 she recognized the lack of educational and socio-emotional support for newly-arrived children. She was inspired to create ourBRIDGE for KIDS, a non-faith based afterschool program in a trauma-informed environment where refugee, immigrant, asylum-seeking and 1st generation American children would learn and improve their English skills and be encouraged to achieve academic excellence and cultural pride. A welcoming place where families from around the world would feel at home and embraced as they work to start their lives anew in the United States.

Sil became one of the most sought-after voices for diversity and justice, being widely recognized for her fearless advocacy for the rights and well-being of immigrants and refugees. One of the honors of her life was being Congresswoman Alma Adams' guest to the State of the Union Address in Washington DC in 2016. She was named Charlottean of the Year in 2018 and was presented with the Global Leader Award by Mayor's International Community, and with the Dr. Nish Jamgotch Jr. Humanitarian Award in 2020.

In Charlotte, Sil met her husband Claudio, also from Argentina. They have two children, Iván and Martina.