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Venezuelan -- Immigrated to Miami: 2003

She is a human being with a deep and playful look in her eyes and who, to honor her name, María Angeles Serrano López (Mary of the Angels), decided to transit through life hand-in-hand with a heavenly being that guides her in the fulfillment of her mission: helping children with autism, dyslexia, and attention deficit syndrome.

María Ángeles Serrano López explains she is able to cross a sort of magical bridge that takes her to the space inhabited by the minds of the children she treats, thus achieving a reintegration process that surprises the parents themselves. Her results with autistic children have been qualified as miraculous.

Malele, as her friends call her, was born in Venezuela. In 1987, she left her country and went to Japan to study Japanese and further her knowledge of Buddhism.

While constantly searching her inner self and training academically, she has had the opportunity to live and study in Tokyo, Washington D.C., Tucson, Columbus, and more recently, Miami. She certified in human development, literature, languages, and holds a Doctorate in special education.

She works researching the science behind the phenomena present in children's behavior and records the processes she witnesses in a story-like way.

She confesses she has engaged on a pitched battle against dyslexia which she herself suffers and declares that that combat has sharpened her professional capabilities.

She works at the Miami-Dade County Public School System and under her guidance many parents have witnessed how their children integrate into the school and/or develop notable capabilities.

For those who know her, María Angeles Serrano López, deserves to be called “master of life”...

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