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Two Latina Sisters at the Urban College of Boston— One Inspiring Story!

Driven by the love of working with children, sisters Elizabeth Rodriguez 04' and Gladys Ruiz 03' chose the same path and both graduated with their Associate of Arts degrees in Early Childhood Education from the Urban College of Boston (UCB).

While the sisters complement each other today, they had chosen different professional fields when living in their native country, Peru. Gladys earned a Bachelor's Degree in English to become a teacher, while Elizabeth earned hers in Computer Science.

Many years into their independent careers, the sisters decided to move to Boston where they attended the same college again, but this time, they chose to study the same field of early childhood education at UCB.

After more than ten years working in the field of early childhood education, Gladys had the opportunity to open the Little Children Schoolhouse in Brookline Village. One year later, Elizabeth joined the staff as part of the school's dedicated teaching team. Each day brings the sisters the opportunity to learn by working side by side, helping each other to provide the best

care for children in Brookline Village.

The school was built on the idea of providing a nurturing, and loving environment for children - an extension of each child's home and family life. Their combined professional experiences have prepared them for working with children, but sharing the bonds of family has allowed them to create a warm, home-like experience for their students and their families.

Due to the outstanding success of their first School House, Elizabeth and Gladys have opened another center in Brookline. Inspired to give back by UCB faculty Nancy Daniel and the late Dr. Grace Caines, Gladys and Elizabeth are the College's leaders of alumni giving!

In recognition of their outstanding service to child care, Gladys and Elizabeth will be honored at UCB's 3rd Annual Early Childhood Education Awards Luncheon on April 3, 2009 at the Wheelock College/Brookline Campus. For more information about the Urban College of Boston call 617-348-6359 or visit our website at www.urbancollege.edu.