



Thais Rezende is the CEO of BizWorld.org, a Silicon Valley nonprofit organization founded by legendary Venture Capitalist Tim Draper. Under Thais' leadership, BizWorld.org has developed a series of programs leading the pathway to entrepreneurship from early education to the creation and incubation of young entrepreneur's businesses. With more than 20 years of experience in the non-profit world, with a particular focus on

micro-enterprise development, Thais has led the growth of many innovative programs and the organizational expansion of several non-profits around the world.

As the lead developer of the successful business propulsion program "SuccessLink," she set a new national standard for entrepreneurship support services for low-income women that are now a national model. Four years ago and in partnership with the WorldWideWomen Festival, Thais launched the "BizWorld Girlpreneur Competition" to sprout the spirit of entrepreneurship amongst girls and encourage them to act upon their ideas and dreams. Most recently, Thais launched the YES! (Young Entrepreneur Success) Program. The YES! Program empowers the next generation of aspiring entrepreneurs as they explore, test, and launch their businesses. Through a (3) three-phase program approach, students create a business plan, participate in an accelerator program, and compete for up-to \$30,000 in start-up funding. All phases of our program are free and offered virtually, removing barriers that could prevent young entrepreneurs from achieving their dreams.

Thais also has an extensive business experience in Public Relations and Journalism - both in TV and print, covering the Tech Industry. Thais moved to the Bay Area 21 years ago where she lives with her husband and their three school-age daughters. Thais holds a B.A. in International Relations from her native Mexico and is fluent in English, Spanish and Portuguese.