Dr. Hui Fang Huang “Angie” Su developed Project MIND in 1988 to make learning math easy and fun for at-risk students. Dr. Su is the winner of several prestigious awards, including the Elementary Mathematics Teacher of the Year and the William T. Dwyer Award for Excellence in Elementary Education. She is the winner of the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year and the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching, sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Su is the recipient of the governor’s prestigious Point’s of Light Award for her innovative mathematics work with the homeless. A classroom teacher for twelve years and school district administrator for many years, Dr. Su is currently a program Professor of Mathematics Education for Nova Southeastern University’s Fischler School of Education and Human Services’ Graduate Teacher Education Program.

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“It is absolutely phenomenal,” observes Rosemary Spitznagel, a Jupiter, FL resident and supporter of the local Community Foundation who watched Dr. Su’s students in action. “I’ve never seen so much enthusiasm and alertness amongst children in a math class”. “What amazed me the most, Spitznagel continues, “was that each student had developed his or her own method to solve the problems. They weren’t learning by rote. This innovative approach to math also enables the students to become more creative and capable in English and other subjects, and in the way they think generally.”

In Project MIND, Pre K—12 grade students learn a variety of methods to compute the answer to math problems. The program uses unique, innovative strategies and instructional models designed to ease math anxiety. The strategies, include hands-on exercises in precision, concentration, problem-solving, ordering, sorting and numeralization and help promote abstract thinking and reasoning. Math games and competitions are used to inspire creativity, build interest in math, promote enthusiasm for problem solving, improve test scores, enhance thinking, and increase parental and community involvement in mathematics. Project MIND works well for all types of students in all grade levels, including alternative, gifted, and multicultural education.