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In the Midst of Glitzy Art Basel, a Non-Profit Raises Awareness About Poverty in Latin America

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Among the high rollers that flock to Miami this week to peruse galleries at Art Basel Miami Beach, there's a youth-led non-profit organization called "[Techo](#)" that is here with a mission: to raise awareness about poverty in Latin America and collect funds to overcome it.

Led by 24-year-old CEO, Nicolas Berardi, the Chile-based Techo, or roof, is working together with families and volunteers in 19 countries to build transitional homes for people living in slums. Techo's aim is to eradicate poverty through a phased community development model in countries such as Peru, Colombia, Venezuela and the Dominican Republic.

They are in Miami during [Art Basel](#), the biggest art fair in the U.S., [to exhibit and auction the work of 19 renowned artists](#) who intervened small-scale replicas of the houses that are built throughout Latin America. Also, Peruvian artist Fabian de la Flor is performing a live intervention of a full-scale model of the house, all 194 square feet of it.

Berardi hopes to replicate previous fundraising success and aims to surpass the \$227,000 they raised last year, which helped them build 127 such houses.