Video transcript

On a high: choir hits right note

It's been like this for the past 22 years. When the windows of *Palacio Avenida*, HSBC Brazil's headquarters, are opened and millions of people are filled with Christmas spirit.

The HSBC choir is made up of children and teenagers, aged from 7 to 14 years old, who come from foster homes supported by the HSBC Education Project.

Through this initiative over 400 vulnerable children receive a place to live and get an education. The project also offers children the chance to develop through music. An opportunity that has already changed many of these children's lives.

"When I started to have contact with music I discovered it was what I wanted for my life. So far I have been able to achieve everything I wanted – that is to study music.

"Music makes all the difference. As children it makes us think in a different way, it gives us more discipline because we need lots of concentration to make great music."

Preparation for the Christmas show takes place throughout the year. Forty children from the choir rehearse every month, and at the end of the year they are joined by another 80 children.

The use of technology, shadow puppets and dancing add to the beauty of the spectacle.

"It is very beautiful. Every year, when we can, we'll come and watch. I've brought her along since she was a little kid to watch it."

"Your heart beats a bit faster, right! It's exciting because Christmas brings good things."