



**EL PUENTE HISPANO**

*Conéctate*

# *Background*

- Cabarrus has one of the largest Latino population in North Carolina.
- Cabarrus County has approximately 19,190 Hispanics<sup>1</sup>.
  - 10.1% of its population
- Hispanics own many restaurants, super and mini-markets and other businesses that contribute to the growth of Cabarrus County's economy.
- This population faces many challenges that include disparities in health, education and housing.

1. U.S. Census, 2016 Estimates

# About Us

- El Puente Hispano (The Hispanic Bridge) was born when a group of Latino professionals from different sectors, aware of the needs and struggles of the Latino Community, decided to work together to create a non-profit organization to further help Hispanics in Cabarrus County.
- Our goal is to develop programs that promote equity and help strengthen families in our community. Our group is convinced that by informing, preparing and educating the Latino Community, it will become a greater asset for the economy and development of the region.



# *Vision*

To offer information, education, resources and guidance to the Hispanic community for every family's well-being.

# *Mission*

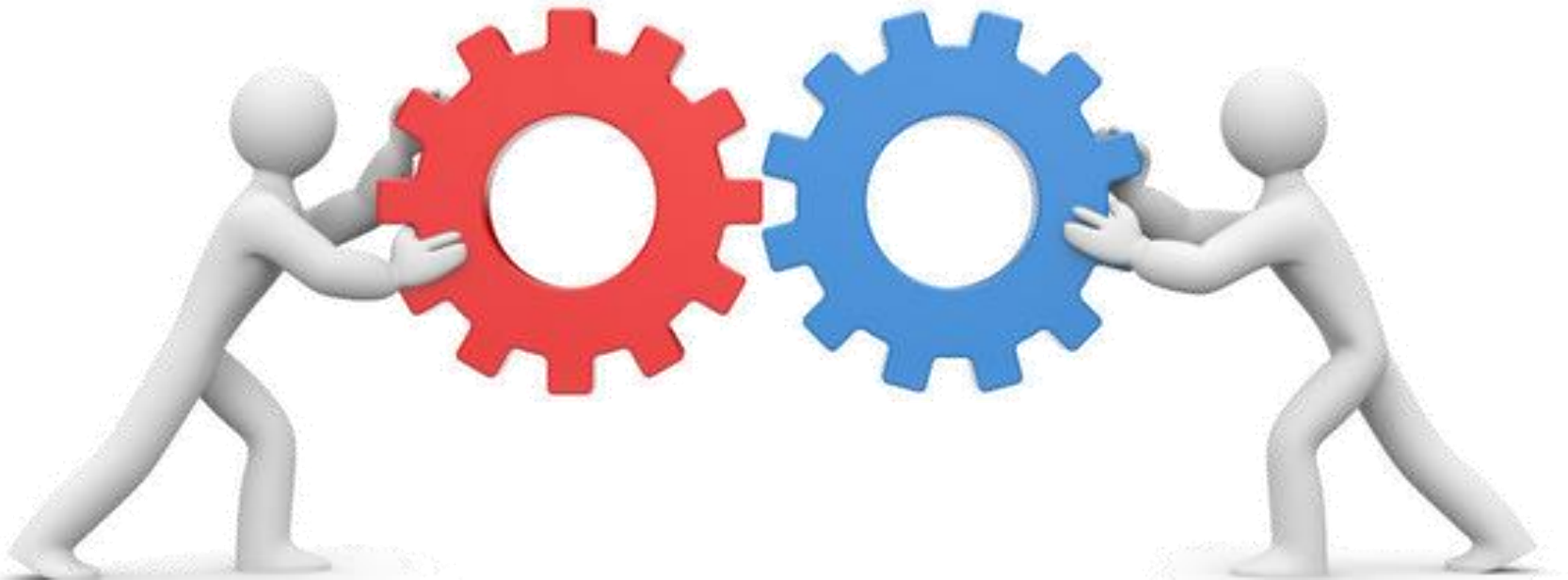
To connect and integrate the Hispanic community with available resources to foster self-sufficiency and productivity.

# Objectives

- To create awareness of the contributions that Hispanics are making to invigorate the County's economy, culture and community.
- To Increase access for Hispanics to services and information available in the community.
- To promote civic engagement among Hispanics and encourage participation in the decision-making process and policies that affect the community

# *Committees*

Areas of Action and Programs



# Economic Development



- Job Skills
- Managing Finances
- Women Empowerment
- Small Business Workshops
- Dress for Success





# Education

- K-12 Tutoring
- After-School Programs
- Young Adults Programs
  - Pre-College
  - Opportunities for Internship
- Adults Education
  - ESL
  - Reading and Writing
- Spanish and Culture Awareness
- Programs for Seniors

# Family Support & Social Services



- Health Programs and Educational Sessions
  - Promote healthier lifestyles
  - Mental health awareness and education
- Food Services Resources
  - Food pantries
  - Food Stamps evaluation
- Housing
  - Shelter information
  - Foreclosure prevention and assistance
- Link Families to Healthcare Services and Public Benefits

# Civic Engagement



- Know-Your-Rights Workshops
- Promote Civic Engagement and Education
- Advocacy
- Citizenship Workshops

# Volunteers



- Recruitment and Selection
- Training and Development
- Placement of Volunteers
- Management




***Board of Directors***

# Rosa Gonzalez

*President*



- From Mexico 
- Works for Atrium Health as a Faith Community Nurse at St. Joseph and St. James
- Holds a Medical Degree from the School of Medicine of Mexico- Autonomous National University
- Holds a Bachelor in Science of Nursing from UNCC

# Rodrigo Tobar

*Vice-president*



- From Chile 
- Holds a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology from the University Santiago of Chile
- Works as a columnist for El Mundo Latino newspaper
- Worked as a professor in various Chilean universities and worked as a clinical psychologist in Chile

# Rita Dominguez

*Treasurer*




- From Ecuador
- Works at Atrium Health as the Latino Health Ministry Coordinator
- Has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from UNCC
- Post graduate certificate in Community Health from UNCC
- Has a Masters Degree in Public Health From UNCG



# Natalie Marles

*Secretary*




- From Colombia 
- Works as a Paralegal Advocate at Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy
- Has a paralegal certification from Charlotte School of Law
- Has a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from ECPI University

# Gladys Calo

## *Education*




- From Puerto Rico 
- Has a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from the University of Puerto Rico
- Has a Master of Arts in Spanish from UNCC with a minor in English as a Second Language
- Retired Teacher

# Liliana Gismondi-Crook

*Civic Engagement*




- From Peru 
- Works at Atrium Health as Language Services Manager
- Serves as the Council Chair for Atrium Health Diversity and Inclusion Northern Division
- Holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education

# Irma Lira

## *Volunteers*



- From Mexico 
- Works as a proud mother and grandmother
- Mrs. Lira is a Community Champion
- Volunteered at the Hispanic Learning Center for 7 years

# Anabel Paniagua-Doyle

*Economic Development*




- From El Salvador 
- Works at Charlotte Community Health Clinic as an Outreach and Enrollment Specialist
- Has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts
- Owned a financial services business for over 5 years

# Sandra Torres

*Family support and Social Services*



- From Colombia 
- Works at Cabarrus Health Alliance as a Program Coordinator
- Has a Bachelor Degree in Business Communication Management from Baruch College in New York
- Holds a Master Degree of Public Administration from UNCC

# Wendy Pascual

*Board Advisor*



- From Dominican Republic
- More than 30 years of experience working with community-based organizations
- Co-founder of Camino Community Center in Charlotte where she served as Executive Director for 14 years
- Was instrumental in developing the Bethesda Health Center

# *Stay Connected*



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