

***Latinos and the Development of Community: Philanthropy, Associations, and Advocacy***

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**Description**

This guide is designed to illuminate aspects of Latino history through the prism of philanthropic activities and, in doing so, reveal the ways associations and advocacy have contributed to development of the country's Latino communities. While its definition of philanthropy is broad, the inclusion of four specific Latino groups is limited – Mexican Americans in the West and Southwest; Puerto Ricans and Dominicans in New York; and Cuban Americans in Florida. The selection is based on size, rate of growth, political influence, and length of time each group has settled and formed associations in the U.S.

**Audience**

For each of the groups identified, the guide provides communal associational history, responses to shifting political and economic environments; and the development of major organizations in the Latino community. In doing so, the author provides a cultural and historical context for those working in the communities either as practitioners or fund raisers.

**Uses**

The guide is useful as a case study of organizational responses to community identity and growth through such models as *mutulista* societies and organized labor. It is equally useful in raising tough questions facing Latino communities and others regarding the development of a group-specific agenda with regard to the state, education, jobs, and the influx of new immigrants.