

The Artistry in Leadership

Almost all community organizations and businesses have a mission. In Cobb County, there are several groups that take their mission statements to heart and are able to make a real difference in the community. Latinx-owned or operated groups are exemplary examples of having these powerful statements and executing them, especially the *Marietta Georgia's Theatre in The Square*, as well as non-profits like *Ser Familia* and *LCF Georgia*. After digging into the mission statements from these Latinx-based groups, we discovered that despite the different outreach objectives these organizations have, they impact the community in the same way-- by establishing an art to leadership by bringing pride, strength, and positivity. We came to this conclusion after working with the *Marietta Museum of History* as a class to build their collection of the Latinx experience in Cobb County. Our group focused on questions like "What are the schools and educational experiences like for Cobb County Latinx immigrants?" and "What is the everyday life and pop culture experience of Latinx immigrants in Cobb County?" These organizations offer programs for all ages to take part in cultural events, educational opportunities, and volunteer work. The Marietta Theatre is a direct example of how art is used to display leadership through the performances and other community outreach opportunities. *Ser Familia* and *LCF Georgia* do not use art forms to display pride and the other core values. However, beauty and art are evident in the ways one individual helps another. Art draws on emotion and through this, art is prevalent in leadership. The ways in which these organizations reach out into their community to help those in need display leadership and evict emotion from all those around. The art of leadership brings pride, strength, and positivity to the Latinx community as well as other community members.