Connecting Communities Through Language

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Purpose
The purpose of this project is to improve the lives of Spanish-speaking people around us. We are Weber State students that are helping the Spanish-speaking community through translating and interpreting. Each one of us are currently participating in various activities and services, from document translations on the Weber State campus and off campus, to community interaction via on site interpreting.

Community Outcomes
These projects have led to improved cohesion and teamwork within the community. The translations and interpretations we have worked on together will allow countless Spanish speaking citizens of the community to complete important tasks such as: vote, enroll in school, and read the school newspaper. Because of the work we have done community members of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds have been able to come together and communicate better. The various projects planned and completed by the members of this class allowed those who may never have had the opportunity otherwise to interact with each other.

Student outcome
Helping the community through translation and interpreting has helped and will continue to help students academically by gaining a more comprehensive understanding of the Spanish language. Professionally, it will help by opening possible employment opportunities whether through the organizations where service was provided or by showing valuable experiences obtained to future employers.