

Debra Alvarado is the Operations and Network Manager for [Hispanic Alliance](#) (HA), which has a mission of "fostering collaboration and connectivity among people, resources and cultures to build thriving communities." In her role with the HA, Debra facilitates connection and growth of a collaborative group of more than 3,600 individuals and organizations, including its four Community Teams, Student DREAMers Alliance, and community outreach activities. Over the last 3 years, Debra has led community programs to improve the quality of life for Hispanic populations in Greenville, South Carolina, building an inclusive community where everyone has access to opportunities for success and prosperity. Previously, she provided hands-on guidance and logistical direction for up to eight annual Community Team events. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she is implementing HA's collaborative distribution of culturally appropriate food aid to families - Canasta Básica - while maintaining the HA Teams and Network on a virtual platform. Born in Humacao, Puerto Rico, she moved to the mainland U.S. in 2007, while maintaining strong ties with her island heritage and family. She completed a B.A. in Communications at the University of South Carolina Upstate.