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Capstone Project Reflection

The project assigned to my group was the non-profit Mamas Unidas. I was very excited to work with my clients because I've heard about the impact of their work in the Hispanic community, and I felt like it was a match made in heaven. When my group and I got together, we connected so well, not only with each other, but with the non-profit as well.

When addressing the roles, it was essential to make sure that the communication between client and my group was clear and precise, therefore I volunteered to be project manager and the point of contact because the organization's president spoke few English. After establishing that, and meeting with our client, we established an environment where everyone was all hands-on deck. We developed our scope together and agreed that we will all come together to choose the theme, build the structure of the website, manage the content, and after all of that, we would work on individual pages and plug in all the content needed. Because our group was small, I believe that this strategy, and the way we organized ourselves was very effective.

Of course, the process of this project didn't always run smoothly. I think the most difficult obstacle was getting used to WordPress. I was very used to developing a website starting from the HTML, so working on WordPress was tricky. In order to get over this, I had to research within YouTube and google to learn about all the plugins, buttons, and tools within WordPress, that I could use to format the website and content like I wanted to. When that didn't work, I would then reach out to my teammates to see if they could give me a different way to solve it.

With that being said, being on a team, especially in this environment, changed my opinion on groups. In the beginning, I was really hesitant on groups in general, but this project is made me realize that when all the members are on the same wavelength, creativity, efficiency, and progress flows smoothly. Working in group allows you to receive different viewpoints, and it also helps delegate work, so you don't get overwhelmed. I know that in the real world, it won't always be this smooth, but being in groups through this minor, had trained me to adapt my approached within groups to make sure we get to that level.

Overall this capstone project was an amazing roller coaster ride, but if I could do anything differently, I would have changed my approach when developing the website. By that I mean, actually reading the documentation on the theme, and playing around with WordPress, without the theme. This would have allowed me more time to focus on specific details within the website.

I'm very grateful to have taken this course because it really pushed me to think outside the box. It allowed me to work heavily on my problem-solving skills and gave me some experience within a real-world scenario. Plus, now Mamas Unidas has a more accessible way to provide help, and that in itself is amazing.