This research will focus on how an immigrant hometown association can be used as a means to explore transnationalism, civil society and ethnic identities. Indigenous Mexican migrants from Tabi now working in the US have created a hometown association to address the social and economic marginalization of their home community. The hometown association of Tabi has constructed a health clinic, low-income housing, and a sports arena for community members. Through qualitative fieldwork and the implementation of a survey, this research will increase understanding of the impact of ethnicity on the social organization and civic participation of the transnational practices of these Mayan Mexican immigrants.

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