Centro is a research institute which is dedicated to the study and interpretation of the Puerto Rican experience in the United States and produces and disseminates relevant interdisciplinary research. Centro also collects preserves and provides access to library and archival resources documenting Puerto Rican history and culture. We seek to link scholarship to social action and policy debates, and to contribute to the betterment of our community and enrichment of Puerto Rican studies.

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**We're Looking For...**  
**100 Puerto Ricans Who Have Made a Difference**

Join with the Centro Library and Archives  
100 Puerto Ricans Campaign To Help Us Find Them  
And Enshrine the Proud Story of  
 Puerto Ricans in Diaspora For Generations to Come!
What is the 100 Puerto Ricans Campaign?
The 100 Puerto Ricans is an expansion campaign designed to encourage individuals and organizations that are making a difference in our community to record and document their experiences for the Centro Archives.

What are the aims of the 100 Puerto Ricans Campaign?
- To increase the number of collections in our archives through the donations from 100 women, men, and organizations.
- To increase the scope of our collections by focusing on donors representing geographic areas and fields of accomplishments that are currently underrepresented.
- To raise funds to digitize both current and new collections for easy online access.

What Is Centro Archives?
The archival collections of the Centro Library and Archives of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies, Hunter College, document our proud, rich, and varied history on the mainland through telling the stories of Puerto Rican individuals and organizations that have made a difference in various fields of endeavor.

What Does an Archive Collection Comprise?
Collections include items such as personal and business papers, videos, taped oral histories, photos, graphics, other records, and memorabilia. Centro already holds donations of more than 5,000 cubic feet of documents, 40,000 images, and hundreds of oral histories and videos from Puerto Ricans convinced that this was the way to ensure that our complete history would be preserved and retold.

Volunteer by joining one of the two 100 Puerto Ricans committees:
**Media, Marketing and Outreach:** Help in recruiting other volunteers; engage with the community at large (both local and out of state) to identify candidates, establish a protocol to contact potential Puerto Rican individuals and organizations.

**Development:** Assist in identifying and contacting individuals or corporations that will donate funds to process the 100 collections.

Or

Consider becoming a candidate yourself (especially if you represent the gaps in our collections). We will guide you through every step in the formal acquisition process. Our professional archivists will cull, organize, and preserve your collection following the strict standards of the Open Archival Information System. The collection will be assigned the digital cataloging codes necessary for easy retrieval in house and on line, and be safely stored in a climate-controlled environment.

Donations Processing costs, and especially digitizing them, incur substantial costs. Storing them in a secure, temperature-controlled environment is also expensive, as is a professional staff of trained archivists and assistants.

An archivist and an assistant fully devoted to a collection can process between 120 and 500 cubic feet of organizational records per year and between 80 and 200 cubic feet of personal papers. Please consider a donation to help us cover processing costs. Here's what your funding can do:

- **$10,000** Process ten feet of archival materials
- **$1,000** One foot of archival materials
- **$100** Add 10 photos to our digital collections
- **$10** Digitize two searchable pages or photos

What is the 100 Puerto Ricans Campaign?
Tell us if you know of a friend, family member, or organization that could be interested in helping us fill the under-covered fields listed below. Centro staff or a member of Centro’s Committee for 100 Puerto Ricans will contact the candidate and follow through. Notable Gaps in our Collections include, among others:

- Pioneers from areas outside New York City
- Business
- Media & Communications
- Environment
- Sexuality and Gender
- Military, Law and Order
- Religion
- Science & Technology

What Can I Do to Help?
Centro is asking your help in suggesting new candidates who might be interested in donating their collections. You know your communities and your history. You will recognize those women, men, and institutions that have made a difference in our lives. They may be family, neighbors, mentors, business people, churches and other organizations, civic leaders, pioneers who arrived in the first wave of the Great Migration. They may be you!

We will preserve their stories so that, for years to come, teachers, parents, community activists, and researchers can retell the unique story of the Puerto Rican diaspora, our achievements, our culture, and our impact on mainland culture. These are the stories of the past that will inspire generations in the future. Here’s how you can help.