

**United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit
Board of Directors Minutes
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Records, 1906-1994

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The minutes and agenda books of the United Community Services Board of Directors were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in several shipments between 1983 and 1994 and were opened for research in March of 2006.

United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit dates its founding from December of 1917, when representatives of the Associated Charities of Detroit and other private and public agencies organized the Detroit Community Union to streamline the planning and delivery of social services in the city. A few months later a group of citizens centralized fund-raising responsibilities in the Detroit Patriotic Fund, precursor to the United Foundation. United Community Services merged with United Foundation's successor, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, in June of 1995.

Files are arranged in chronological order with the planning organizations, including Detroit Community Union predecessor, Associated Charities of Detroit, preceding the fund-raising ones.

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