

United Community Services Special Programs Department Records

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Abstract

The United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit has its origins in the establishment of the Detroit Community Union in 1917. The Union was reorganized into the Council of Social Agencies of Metropolitan Detroit in 1932, and merged with the Detroit Community Chest in 1951 to become the United Community Services (UCS). UCS operated alongside the United Way for Southeastern Michigan (United Foundation until 1989), which was primarily a fundraising organization. They merged to form the United Way Community Services in 1995, which merged with the United Way for Oakland County to become the United Way for Southeastern Michigan in 2005. UCS was an umbrella organization for a wide range of social welfare agencies in the Metropolitan Detroit area, and sought to promote social services (including child care, family, health, recreation, and community planning) through the centralized planning, coordinating, and budgeting of those agencies. The Special Programs Department oversaw UCS program initiatives and programs that were not necessarily related to other existing UCS departments or which were not permanent additions to UCS programs, such as temporary initiatives and special summer programs. The Special Programs Department consisted of, at various times, the Metropolitan Camp Council, the Volunteer Action Center, the Metropolitan Detroit Coalition for Blood Pressure Control, the Summer Programs department, and unemployment and work experience projects.

The United Community Services Special Programs Department Records consist mostly of correspondence, minutes, and reports related to the Metropolitan Camp Council and general campership initiatives, in addition to information regarding special summer programs. Included in the collection are materials from participating camp agencies, such as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Camp Fire Girls, as well as materials from UCS administrative committees.

Important Subjects:

Boy Scouts
Camps
Community-based social service
Detroit (Mich.)
Girl Scouts of the United States of America
Public welfare
Social service--Michigan--Detroit.
United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit
United Foundation (Detroit, Mich.)

Important Names:

MacInnes, John
Heinrichs, Thomson

Arrangement

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- 4 Girl Scouts - Northern Oakland County, 1974-1977
- 5 YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, 1974-1977
- 6 St. Mary's Camp, 1975-1976
- 7 Michigan Metro Girl Scouts, 1980
- 8 YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, 1974-1980
- 9 Society of St. Vincent de Paul 1974-1977
- 10 Girl Scouts - Otsikita Council, 1973-1977
- 11 Girl Scouts - Southern Oakland Council, 1974-1977
- 12 Jewish Community Center, 1974-1977
- 13 Franklin Wright Settlements, 1974-1979
- 14 Camp Sequois, 1979
- 15 Camp Fire Girls - Detroit Area Council, 1974-1981
- 16 Fresh Air Society - Detroit, 1974-1981
- 17 Brightmoor Community Center, 1977-1980
- 18 Camp Oakland Youth Programs, 1974-1976
- 19 Campership Coordinating Committee, 1974
- 20 Detroit Youth Board, 1973-1976
- 21 Boy Scouts - Clinton Valley Council, 1974-1980
- 22 Todd-Phillips Children's Home, 1975
- 23 Metropolitan Camp Council (MCC), Campership Program, 1975-1980
- 24 MCC, Campership Program, 1975-1980
- 25 Michigan Land Trust Fund, 1981
- 26 Oakland County Youth Assistance Advisory Council, 1975-1976
- 27 United Foundation Capital Funds, 1976-1981
- 28 Organizational Functions, 1980
- 29 Think Tank, 1980
- 30 Green Pastures Camp, 1958-1977
- 31 United Way of Pontiac - North Oakland, 1980
- 32 UCS Staff, 1980
- 33 Program Reviews, 1974-1976
- 34 UCS - Community Information Services
- 35 Scouting Allocation and Review Committee, 1976
- 36 Silverman Village Learning Center, 1978
- 37 Tribute Fund, 1974-1980
- 38 Budget Reviews - Scouting Groups, 1974-1975

Box 2

- 1 Campership Consumer Group
- 2 Staff Design Team, 1980-1981
- 3 Public Affairs Committee, 1976-1980
- 4 Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Executive Committee, 1976-1977
- 5 MAP Recreation Committee, 1974-1976
- 6 Day Camps, MCC COPA Report, 1973
- 7 Butzel Conference Center, 1977
- 8 Citizen's Task Force, 1981

- 9 Low Income Camping, 1976
- 10 Camp Knight, Methodist Children's Home, 1976
- 11 Community Services Administration, 1975
- 12 Camping Research, 1981
- 13 Camp Westminster Capital Improvements Request
- 14 Camps Prior to 1968
- 15 Interpeninsular Youth Exchange Camp, 1974
- 16 Kiwanis No. 1, Detroit Send a Kid to Camp Project
- 17 Boy Scouts of America, Detroit Area Council
- 18 Boys Clubs of Metropolitan Detroit
- 19 Camp Oakland
- 20 Camp Visitation Reports, 1980
- 21 MCC Evaluation Committee, 1976
- 22 Metropolitan Camp Council, 1976
- 23 Day Camping, 1976
- 24 Camp Capital Projects, 1976
- 25 Camping Steering Committee, 1976
- 26 MCC, 1975-1981
- 27 Macomb/Oakland County Campership Program, 1975
- 28 Camping Steering Committee, 1977-1981
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- 1 Thomson Heinrichs, 1978-1979
- 2 Camping Capital Projects, 1977
- 3 Camping Capital Projects, 1977
- 4 UCS Camp Study Interim Report, 1972
- 5 Camping Steering Committee Progress Report, 1975, 1979
- 6 Developments and Trends in Recreation, 1973
- 7 A Survey of Recreation Opportunities for Older Adults and Persons with Handicaps in Metro Detroit, 1975
- 8 Camp Study of Metropolitan Detroit, Volumes I and II, 1973
- 9 Evaluation Report of Agency Capital Camp Requests, 1970
- 10 UCS/UF Joint Implementation Committee Report and Recommendations, 1981
- 11 Results of Planning Activities, 1974-1976
- 12 UF Capital Fund Campaign Camping Projects, 1977
- 13 UF Capital Fund Campaign Camping Projects, 1977
- 14 Camp Study, Volume II, 1973
- 15 Camp Study, Volume II, 1973
- 16 Camp Study Committee, 1971-1972
- 17 Camp Study Committee, 1971-1972
- 18 Metropolitan Camp Council, Alex Stein, 1974
- 19 John MacInnes, Minutes and Correspondence, 1975
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- 7 Thomson Heinrichs, Minutes and Correspondence, 1979
- 8 MAP Recreation Committee, 1975-1981
- 9 MAP Recreation Committee, Minutes
- 10 Detroit Joint Recreation Committee, 1968-1980
- 11 Camping Steering Committee, October 1980
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- 13 Campership Program, 1979-1980
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- 15 Thomson Heinrichs, Minutes and Correspondence, 1982-1983
- 16 Camp Fire Girls, Detroit Area Council
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Box 5

- 1 Boy Scouts, Clinton Valley Council
- 2 Fresh Air Society
- 3 Girl Scouts, Otsikita Council
- 4 Girl Scouts, North Oakland County Council
- 5 Girl Scouts, Michigan Metro Council
- 6 Girl Scouts, Huron Valley Council
- 7 St. Vincent de Paul
- 8 Franklin Wright Settlement