

Springfield Urban League Records

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Introduction

Springfield Urban League records were donated in December, 1973 by the Springfield Urban League. The collection includes Urban League records from 1962 to 1973. The collection fills 14 Hollinger boxes and is arranged in seven series as follows:

Series 1: Administrative Records

Series 2: Records of Committees

Series 3: Urban League Guild

Series 4: Urban League Projects

Series 5: Education, Religion, and Housing

Series 6: Civil Rights

Series 7: Employment

There are no restrictions on this collection.

Brief Agency History

The Springfield Urban League, Inc. began in April of 1962 as a result of studies by Dr. Warner Banner. Dr. Banner found that living conditions for blacks in Springfield were much lower than whites.

The purpose of the Urban League as stated in its constitution was to "improve the industrial, economic, social, educational, recreational, cultural, and spiritual conditions among Negroes and other groups seeking the services of the League." It was to operate under social work standards as an interracial and educational service agency.

The League kept standing committees to deal with such subjects as job development, employment, education, health, and housing. Anyone in the community interested in these areas could join the Urban League with the approval of the Membership Committee.

As a branch of the Urban League the Urban League Guild of Springfield developed in 1964. According to its constitution, the Guild was organized in order to "bring together women interested in building a better community through promotion of inter-cultural and inter-group activities; and to serve as a concrete demonstration of the objectives of the Urban League movement, both locally and nationally."

Scope and Content

The Springfield Urban League collection covers the period of 1953, its inception, through 1970. It includes the local administrative records and correspondence as well as information from the National Urban League, with some references to the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., in 1968.

Series 1: Contains the administrative records, Constitution and By-Laws, records of annual meetings, and general correspondence, including mention of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., and some newspaper clippings of the Youth Community.

Series 2: Contains records of the following committees: Educational and Youth Incentive; Executive Committee; Health and Welfare Committee; Housing Committee; Human Relations; Job Development and Employment Committee; Membership Committee; Nomination Committee; Personnel Committee; and Youth Community Committee.

Series 3: Contains records of the Urban League Guild.

Series 4: Contains various projects of the Springfield Urban League, including Project ENABLE (Education and Neighborhood Action for Better Living Environment); Leadership Development Project, and New Thrust Program.

Series 5: Contains records about the League's involvement in Education (includes an incident at North High School in 1968 concerning election of both white and black homecoming queens); some records on Religion, and Housing.

Series 6: Contains records concerning Race Relations, including position on legislative bills and copies of speeches made before committees at both state and federal levels, and information on Civil Rights.

Series 7: Contains records concerning aspects of Employment, such as the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services; the Springfield Plan (a program to use black student employees); the Job Corps; and the Small Business Administration. This series also contains a file on Voting and a Miscellaneous file.

CONTAINER LISTING

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Constitution & By-Laws (several drafts)	
	2	Administration Miscellaneous	
	3	Proposals for multi-service neighborhood center office of economic opportunity	
		Board of Directors	
	4	Minutes of Meetings	1963-1970
	5	Meeting Notices	1963-1964
	6	Memoranda	1963-1966, 1986, 1970
	7	Roster of Board	1963-1965
	8	Quarterly Reports	1963-1965
	9	Staff Meeting	1966
	10	Annual Delegate Assembly	1963-1966, 1970
	11	Annual Meeting/Committee	1964-1969
12	News Clippings	1960	
2	1	News Release	1968
	2	Urban League Newsletter	1915-1966, 1968-1969
	3	Board Staff Institutes	1964-1966
	4	Correspondence	1962-1964
	5	Correspondence	Apr-May 1965
	6	Correspondence	Jun-Sept 1965
	7	Correspondence	Oct-Dec 1965
	8	Correspondence	Jan-Mar 1966
	9	Correspondence	Apr-Aug 1966
	10	Correspondence	Sept-Dec 1966
	11	Correspondence	1967
	12	Correspondence	Jan-Apr 1968
	13	Correspondence	May-Aug 1968
	14	Correspondence	Sept-Dec 1968
	15	Correspondence	1969
	16	Budget Materials	1964-1967
	17	Committee-Budget Presentation - Misc.	1964-1967
	18	Financial-Monthly Budget and Forms	1966, 1968
	19	Financial Statement	1964-1966, 1968
	20	Audit Report	1965
	21	Financial Statements - Special Programs: Tutorial Program Neighborhood Organization Project	
	22	Memoranda from National Urban League	1961-1963
	23	Memoranda from National Urban League	June-Dec 1963
	24	Memoranda from National Urban League	1964

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2	25	Memoranda from National Urban League	1965-1966
	26	Memoranda from National Urban League	1967-1968
	27	Miscellaneous Administration	
3	1	News Release - National Office	
	2	National Urban League Conference	1963, 1964
	3	National Urban League Conference	1965
	4	National Urban League Conference	1967
	5	National Urban League Conference	1968, 1969, 1970
	6	March on Washington	1963
	7	Miscellaneous	
	8	Finance Committee minutes	1965
	9	Community Welfare Council	1964-1968
	10	Economic Development and Employment Committee	1964-1968
	11	Education and Youth Incentives Committee	1963-1964
	12	Education and Youth Incentives Committee	1965-1967
	13	Executive Committee	1963-1964
	14	Executive Committee	1965
	15	Executive Committee	1966, 1968, 1970
4	1	Health and Welfare Committee	1963-1964
	2	Health and Welfare Committee	1965
	3	Health and Welfare Committee	1966-1968
	4	Housing Committee	1963-1967
	5	Human Relations Commission	1965-1966
	6	Job Development and Employment Committee	1963-1966
	7	Membership Committee	1963-1966, 1968
	8	Membership Lists	1964, 1965, 1968, 1969
	9	Nominating Committee	1964-1965
	10	Personal Committee	1963-1968
	11	Youth Community	1964-1967
	12	Urban League Guild Administration, Constitution, Manual, Charting Lists of Officers	
	13	Annual Reports	1965-1968
5	1	Newsletters	
	2	News Release and Newsclippings	
	3	Financial	
	4	Notices, Agendas, Minutes	1965-1968
	5	Executive Commerce	1965-1969
	6	Membership Committee	1965-1967

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5	7	Urban League Guild	
		Membership Lists and Prospective Members	1965-1968
		Interest File	
		Officers, Committee, Committee Chairmen	
		Correspondence	1963-1969
		Cultural Enrichment Committee	1965-1966
		Telephone and Hospitality Committee	1965-1966
		Program Committee	1965-1966
		Projects Committee	1965-1966
		Radio Program	
		Miscellaneous Committee, Programs, etc.	
		Fund Raising	1965-1967
		S.C.A.P.-Springfield Council For Action and Progress: S.C.A.P.-Original work copies	
		United Appeal Fund	
		Correspondence	1964-1966
		Correspondence	1967-1968
		Reports, Constitution	
	Do It Yourself Press Coverage		
National Urban League Operation SAV-CAP (Community Action Program)			
6	1	Ohio Community Action Assembly	1965
		Program Prospectives	1965-1966
		Field visit to Springfield Urban League	1963
		Proposal for Ohio - American Cultural Center	
		Interdisciplinary Council	
	Project Enable		
	Correspondence	1966	
	Correspondence	1965, 1967	
	Springfield-Proposals, Applications, Misc.		
	Springfield-Progress Reports		
	National Urban League and other Urban Leagues		
	Leadership Development Project		
	What is L.D.P.? General Information		
General Correspondence	1965-1966		
General Correspondence	1967-1969		

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6	14	L.D.P. Advisory Committee	1965-1966
	15	L.D.P. Advisory Committee	1967-1968
7	1	Monthly Reports, Progress Reports, Summons of Activities	1965-1968
		Summons	
	2	Financial Material	1967
	3	Miscellaneous	
	4	Seminar I	
	5	Seminar II	
	6	Seminar III	
	7	Curriculum Development	
	8	Small Business Administration Seminar	
	9	Labor Seminar	
	10	Political Education Assembly	1966
	11	Negro History Classes	1968
	12	Equal Opportunity Day	1963, 1964
	13	Skills Bank - Program - general	
	14	Skills Bank - Correspondence	1963-1966
		New Thrust Program	
	15	Springfield - Proposals, Summaries	
	16	Springfield - Miscellaneous	
	17	National Urban League - Operational Manual	
	18	Help a youth project	1965-1967
	19	A.I.D.- Agency for International Development-general	
8	1	A.I.D.- Agency for International Development-Brochures, Reports	
	2	Operational Big Sister	1968
	3	Other Urban Leagues- Ohio Valley Council of Urban Leagues	
		Education	
	4	General, Miscellaneous	
	5	Quality Integrated Education	
	6	Council for Christian Social Action	
	7	Tutorial Project Correspondence and Publicity	
	8	Tutorial Project - Proposal	
	9	Tutorial Project - General	
	10	Project Head Start	
	11	National Committee for Support of Public Buildings	

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8	12	"The Third Mile"		
	13	Adult Education Program and Joint Vocational School		
	14	Cooperative Program for Educational Opportunity		
	15	Independent Schools Talent Search Program		
	16	Concern Citizens Committee		
9	1	"Upward Bound"		
	2	Incident at Springfield North High School		
	3	Springfield Public Schools		
	4	Board of Education		
	5	ABC Program		
	6	Antioch Program for Interracial Education		
			Religion	
	7	Religion Resources File	1964	
	8	Religion Resources File	1965	
	9	Miscellaneous		
			Housing	
10	10	Department of Housing and Urban Development		
	11	Northside Homeowners and Associates		
	12	Federal Housing Administration		
	13	Housing Memorandum		
10	1	National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing		
	2	Legislation in Housing		
	3	Equal Opportunity in Housing, Fair Housing, Housing Miscellaneous		
	4	Miscellaneous Brochures, Pamphlets		
	5	Housing, Brochures - Fair Housing		
	6	Urban Renewal - Miscellaneous Reports, News clippings, etc.		
	7	Poverty - Anti-Poverty Act and Other Info.		
			Race Relations	
	8	Brochures, Pamphlets		
	9	Miscellaneous		
	10	The Community Coalition		
11	The Black Action Organization			

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10	12	American Foundation for Negro Affairs	
	13	Community Action Assembly	
	14	Leadership Conference on Civil Rights	
	15	Intergroup Relations Advisory Committee	
11	1	Education - Concerned Citizens Sub-Committee	
		Race Relations	
	2	Concerned Action Council	
	3	U.S. Commission on Civil Rights	1966
	4	U.S. Commission on Civil Rights	1967
	5	U.S. Commission on Civil Rights	1968
	6	Ohio Civil Service Commission	1959-1964
	7	Ohio Civil Service Commission	1965
	8	Ohio Civil Service Commission	1966
	9	Ohio Civil Service Commission	Misc.
		Statement by Whitney Young	
12	1	"To Be Equal" Series	
	2	"To Be Equal" Series	
	3	"To Be Equal" Series	
		Employment	
	4	Equal Opportunity	
	5	Equal Opportunity Commission	1968-1969
13	1	Temporary Commission on the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964	
	2	Ohio Bureau of Employment Services	1968
	3	The Springfield Plan	
	4	Encampment for Citizenship Inc.	
	5	C.A.M.P.S. (Co-op. Area Manpower Planning System)	
	6	Job Corps - Brochures, Pamphlets	
	7	Job Corps - Memos, Reports	1964-1966
	8	Job Corps - Women	
	9	Neighborhood Youth Corps Program	June 1966 - August 1966
	10	Job Orientation Seminar	
	11	Help a Youth Project	
	12	Summer Jobs for Employment	
	13	M.D.T.A. Advisory Committee	

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		Employment	
13	14	1966 Federal Career Projected Vacancies	
	15	Ohio Manpower Development Institute	
		Business	
	16	Employment - Labor, Union Information	
	17	Miscellaneous Information	
14	1	National Business League	
		Small Business Administration	
	2	Correspondence, General Information	
	3	Miscellaneous-Brochures, Pamphlets	
		S.B.A. Workshop	
	4	Ten Week Workshop, General Info.	
	5	Materials	
	6	Springfield Business League	
	7	Voting - Voter Education	
	8	Employment - Miscellaneous Brochures, Pamphlets	