

MS-566: Yellow Springs Community Council Records

Collection Number: MS-566

Title: Yellow Springs Community Council Records

Dates: 1966-2013 (Bulk 1993-2013)

Creator: Yellow Springs Community Council

Summary/Abstract:

The Yellow Springs Community Council (YSCC) was an umbrella organization under the United Way of Dayton. The United Way of Dayton would allocate money to the YSCC and, in turn, the YSCC would disseminate that money to the smaller non-profits in Yellow Springs. Materials include bylaws, meeting minutes, financial statements, balance sheets, funding requests, and both internal and external correspondence.

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Acquisition:

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Separated Material:

Electronic media is separated to the E-Archives.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms566.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

A computer with appropriate hardware and software will be needed to view electronic records in this collection.

Related Material:

MS-680: United Way of the Greater Dayton Area Records

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Evan Thomas, April 2021.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged into 3 series:

I: Administrative, 1966-2013

II: Financial, 1979-2013

III: Correspondence, 1980-2013

Biographical/Historical Note:

The Yellow Springs Community Council (YSCC) was incorporated in 1967 in Yellow Springs, Ohio. From 1967 to 1976, the YSCC was funded through the Yellow Springs Community Chest. The Yellow Springs Community Chest was a yearly, community-driven campaign that collected funds for the surrounding non-profits and charities throughout Yellow Springs. The Community Chest was mildly successful; however, it was not successful enough to be the sole benefactor for the community.

In 1979, the United Way of Dayton entered into agreements with the YSCC to have them become an umbrella organization for the smaller non-profits in Yellow Springs. The YSCC would obtain requests from non-profits throughout Yellow Springs and then request that much funding from the United Way. The YSCC would then redistribute the money they received from the United Way of Dayton and other charity organizations to the smaller non-profits of the area. The YSCC and the United Way had a productive partnership together from 1979 until the YSCC's closing in 2013. The YSCC would encourage the Yellow Springs community to donate to the United Way of Dayton and, in return, the United Way would fund the YSCC.

Starting in 2005, the United Way of Dayton started running hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt. In 2006 and 2007, the United Way of Dayton had a \$600,000 deficit. In 2007, Charity Navigator, a nonprofit watchdog, compared the major United Way organizations of Ohio. Of the United Way organizations, the United Way of Dayton received the lowest overall rating with 1 out of 5 stars. As a result of the low rating, General Motors leaving Dayton, and the

2008 housing crisis, the United Way of Dayton's 2008 funding campaign fell short by over \$1 million dollars. Later that same year in September the United Way of Dayton began to make internal financial cuts to the company. These cuts turned into external funding cuts during the subsequent years. During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the YSCC requested approximately \$16,000 from the United Way of Dayton and were allocated only \$700. As a result, the YSCC were forced to shut their doors at the end of 2013 when it became clear that no further funds would be allocated to the YSCC.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection primarily contains the administrative and financial records of the Yellow Springs Community Council (YSCC). Additionally, there is correspondence between members of the YSCC both internal and external in relation. The collection dates from its founding in 1967 to its closure in 2013; however, the bulk of the collection is dated between 1993 and 2013. The collection is broken into 3 series: Administrative, Financial, and Correspondence.

Series I: Administrative, contains the Articles of Incorporation, policies, bylaws, meeting minutes, and member lists of the YSCC. Additionally, there are annual reports that describe the overall state of the YSCC for a given year while the assorted reports contain reports that depict different aspects of the company for that year such as demographic reports and funding campaign reports. Since the YSCC was an umbrella organization under the United Way of Dayton, the United Way of Dayton dictated what requirements that the YSCC needed to meet in order to receive funding. These included signing partner agreement, being verified by the Better Business Bureau, and being a member of the Combined Federal Campaign. Prior to becoming an umbrella organization of the United Way, the YSCC obtained its funding from the Yellow Springs Community Chest which was a grassroots community funding campaign that occurred yearly and lasted from 1966 to 1976. Materials in Series I date from 1966 to 2013

Series II: Financial, contains allocation reports, funding requests, monthly balance sheets, and yearly financial statements. Additionally, the YSCC acted as the fiscal agent for some non-profit organizations in Yellow Springs. As such, the organizations needed to sign Fiscal Sponsor Agreements with the YSCC. In 2008, the YSCC began the Summer Camp Scholarship Program, with which the YSCC donated money directly to youths in Yellow Springs to allow them to go to the summer camp of their choice. Materials in Series II date from 1979 to 2013.

Series III: Correspondence, Includes the correspondence to and from the YSCC and its members. The correspondence includes letters to and from donors, funding allocation letters, publications, and internal correspondence. Additionally, there is both external correspondence and correspondence between the YSCC and the United Way specifically. Since the YSCC was an umbrella organization under the United Way, there was more correspondence between those two organizations than other external correspondence. There is additional external correspondence between the AACW and the YSCC. The YSCC funded a blues festival hosted by the African American Cross-Cultural Works in 2007 and 2008. Also notable in this series are files about the Sweatland Skatepark project. In 1998 and 1999, Mrs. Sweatland passed away and left it in her will that her finances be used to fund a skatepark near her house. The law firm handling her will reached out to the YSCC to act as the fiscal agent for the skatepark. However,

after negotiations, this project never came to fruition. Materials in Series III date from 1980 to 2013.

Subject Terms

Organizations/Corporate Names:

Yellow Springs Community Council
 United Way of the Greater Dayton Area

Places:

Yellow Springs (Ohio) -- History
 Dayton (Ohio) -- History

Subjects (General):

Charity organization

Material Types:

Minutes (Administrative records)
 Correspondence

Collection Inventory

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4	2	Summer Camp Scholarship Program	2009-2012
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4	4	Funding Requests	2000-2006
4	5	Funding Requests	2007
4	6	Funding Requests	2008
4	7	Funding Requests	2009
4	8	Funding Requests	2010-2013
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Series III: Correspondence			1980-2013, Undated
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5	3	Thank You Letters To Donors	1999-2009
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