Finding Aid to the Mission Neighborhood Centers Records

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Biographical / Historical
Mission Neighborhood Centers, Inc. is a non-profit, non-sectarian community services center formed in San Francisco in 1958 from the merger of the Good Samaritan Community Center, the Precita Valley Community Club Hall Association, and the Mission Community Center.
The Good Samaritan Community Center was established in 1922 as an independent social agency, though its roots lay in the the Good Samaritan Mission, founded by San Francisco Episcopalians in 1894. The Mission Community Center was, until 1942, The Girls Club. It was founded in 1896 by Rachael Wolfsohn and incorporated as a non-profit agency in 1910. By the early 1940s, The Girls Club had re-evaluated its mission, decided to provide services to a wider range of children and adults, and changed its name to the Mission Community Center. The Precita Valley Community Club Hall Association was a neighborhood association founded in 1921.
The founding goal of Mission Neighborhood Centers, Inc. was to create better and more integrated social services for residents of San Francisco's Mission District. The organization worked with Mission residents through individual counselling services, group activities, and neighborhood organization and action. Mission Neighborhoods Centers, Inc. was, during its first decade, affiliated with the National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers, the National Conference of Social Welfare, the California Conference of Social Work, the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Episcopal Diocese of California, the San Francisco Neighborhood Centers Association, the San Francisco Boys Work Association, the Mission Youth Council, and the United Community Fund.

Scope and Content
The collection consists primarily of a large alphabetical subject file documenting the work of Mission Neighborhood Centers and some of its predecessor organizations from approximately 1941 until 1972 (with the bulk of materials dating after 1958). Included in the subject file are administrative records of Mission Neighborhood Centers as well as files on topics ranging from education to urban renewal to welfare. Also included in this subject file are records created by and about various other social welfare and neighborhood organizations working in the Mission District and throughout San Francisco. Also included in the collections are clippings and clippings scrapbooks.

Related Materials

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Mission Neighborhood Centers, Incorporated, San Francisco--Archives
Good Samaritan Community Center (San Francisco, Calif.)
Precita Valley Community Hall Club Association
Mission Neighborhood Centers, Incorporated, San Francisco
Greater Mission Citizens' Council
Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council
Mission Community Center (San Francisco, Calif.)
National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers
Upper Noe Valley Neighborhood Council
Bernal Heights Association
Community centers -- California -- San Francisco
Poverty -- California -- San Francisco
Neighborhoods -- California -- San Francisco
Public welfare -- California -- San Francisco
Charities -- California -- San Francisco Bay Area
Urban renewal -- California -- San Francisco
Education, preschool -- California -- San Francisco
Juvenile delinquency -- California -- San Francisco
Housing -- California -- San Francisco
Ethnic groups -- California -- San Francisco
Older people -- Services for -- California -- San Francisco
Mission District (San Francisco, Calif.)

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Churches--Episcopal 1960-1963
Scope and Content
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Citizens' Committee on Transportation for the Handicapped 1968
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The City Church (periodical) approximately 1959-1964
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Scope and Contents
Bulletins, correspondence, newsletters.
Economics and business: California. Chamber of Commerce, miscellaneous publications 1967
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**Education--Preschool (Mission and Potrero Schools) approximately 1961-1968**

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**Girls' Club Project 1963-1965**

**Glen Park Association undated**

**Glickfeld, Bernard B. 1965**

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**Good Samaritan Community Center approximately 1910-1970**

**Government 1961-1968**

**Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association 1963**

**Greater Mission Citizens' Council approximately 1962-1969**

Scope and Content

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**Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council 1961-1964**

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**Highways--Freeways (including Panhandle Freeway) 1956-1966**
Housing 1958-1968
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Hyde Park Neighborhood Club, Chicago 1967-1968

Intergroup relations--California 1945-1964

Intergroup relations--National 1958-1968

Junior League of San Francisco 1958-1963
Kriegfeld, Irving M, speeches 1959-1965
Labor contacts 1962-1968
La Raza Information Center 1972
Legislation 1968
Maps 1964

Mental health 1958-1970

Mental health--Fellowship Club of San Francisco 1956-1959

Mental retardation approximately 1958-1968
Scope and Content
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Mission agencies and organizations approximately 1960-1970

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San Francisco Junior Soccer Boosters Club

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San Francisco Recreation and Parks Commission--minutes 1968

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Self Portrait of the Greater Mission District in Southeastern San Francisco

Senior Citizens approximately 1960-1972

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