



TITLE: Comstock Children's Hospital & Foundation records

DATE RANGE: 1918 to 1999

CALL NUMBER: MS 1519

LOCATION: Arizona History Museum, 949 E Second St, Tucson, AZ 85719

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.59 linear ft (2 boxes) + 1 oversized item

PROVENANCE: Donated to the Oracle Historical Society by Judith S. Jones of the Comstock Children's Foundation sometime in the 2000s (exact date unknown). Transferred from the Oracle Historical Society to the Arizona Historical Society in 2022.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: In 1928, Mercy Emergency Hospital was renamed Comstock Hospital after Oliver E. Comstock, a local Baptist preacher who worked to turn Tucson's "Tent City" into a brick-and-mortar hospital to treat tuberculosis patients. It then became Comstock Children's Hospital in 1936 when services shifted to serve children, particularly those in need of prolonged care. The Comstock Children's Hospital closed in 1965 and its assets were transferred to the Comstock Children's Foundation, who continued to provide medical and orthodontics services to children until it became inactive around 2016.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Miscellaneous documentation from the Comstock Children's Hospital, the Comstock Children's Foundation and their supporting organizations. The documents are not in any discernible order and were put into folders from their corresponding organizations. Also present are several issues of the "Comstock Children's News," a newsletter written by patients, and a script of a radio program in 1948. Box 2 contains a ledger listing children who were admitted to the hospital from the 1930s to 1960s, as well as their ailments and treatment; along with 3 large photographs depicting children at the hospital. One oversized ledger contains newspaper clippings about the hospital.

SUBJECT TERMS: Comstock Hospital (Tucson, Ariz.); Hospitals -- Arizona -- Tucson; Child health services -- Arizona -- Tucson

RELATED MATERIALS: PC 297 contains photographs that accompanied these records.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1	1	Organized Charities of Tucson: Articles of Incorporation	1918
	2	Comstock Children's Hospital	1940s-1950s
	3	Comstock Hospital Radio Programs	1948
	4	Community Service, Inc	1940s-1960s
	5	Historical Review of Tucson Community Council	1957
	6	Comstock Properties Appraisal	1967
	7	Comstock Children's Foundation	1960s-1990s
	8	A/V: Comstock Children's Foundation PSA	undated
2	1	Comstock Children's Hospital patient ledger	1930s-1960s
	2	3 photographs. See PC 297.	ca. 1950s
3	1	Oversized Item: Comstock Hospital clippings	1930s-1960s