



TITLE: Comstock Children's Hospital & Foundation photographs

DATE RANGE: 1930s to 1990s

CALL NUMBER: PC 297

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

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.63 linear ft (2 boxes)

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: Photographs of the Comstock Children's Hospital depict children in their daily routines around the hospital, as well as at events and special programs, such as visits by celebrities like Gene Autry. There are also images of the grounds and buildings, and staff members. The second set of folders contain photographs from the Comstock Children's Foundation, including members of the Foundation, fundraising events, and orthodontics patients. Two of the folders contain photos removed from photo albums. Box 2 contains 2 floppy disks with the Foundation's website from 1995 saved on it and 2 folders of slides. Many, but not all, of the slides are duplicated from the prints in Box 1.

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

RELATED MATERIALS: MS 1519 Comstock Children's Hospital & Foundation Records

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1	1	Comstock Children's Hospital - Grounds & Buildings	1930s-1950s
	2	Comstock Children's Hospital - Staff	1930s-1950s
	3	Comstock Children's Hospital - Children (1 of 8)	1930s-1950s
	4	Comstock Children's Hospital - Children (2 of 8)	1930s-1950s
	5	Comstock Children's Hospital - Children (3 of 8)	1930s-1950s
	6	Comstock Children's Hospital - Children (4 of 8)	1930s-1950s
	7	Comstock Children's Hospital - Children (5 of 8)	1930s-1950s
	8	Comstock Children's Hospital - Children (6 of 8)	1930s-1950s
	9	Comstock Children's Hospital - Children (7 of 8)	1930s-1950s
	10	Comstock Children's Hospital - Children (8 of 8)	1930s-1950s
	11	Comstock Children's Hospital - Miscellaneous	1930s-1950s
	12	Comstock Children's Foundation - Events	1960s-1990s
	13	Comstock Children's Foundation - Orthodontics	1960s-1990s
	14	Comstock Children's Foundation - Scrapbook 1	1960s-1990s
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