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**MS 1466 Arizona's Children Association
Collection, 1912-2011**

DESCRIPTION

This collection contains materials from the 100 year history of Arizona's Children Association including board minutes, financial documents, medical documentation, client artwork, scrapbooks, blueprints and photographs.

NOTE: This collection does not include information regarding adoptions. That information has been held with the Arizona's Children Association. If you are interested in locating information on adoptions, you may contact their Medical Records Coordinator (520) 622-7611.

59 boxes, 29 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The idea for the Arizona's Children Association (AzCA) was born at a meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Christian Church of Tucson in 1912. What was then called the Arizona Children's Home Association (ACHA) began as a reaction to need to keep Arizona's orphaned and neglected children out of reform school and in Arizona. Prior to statehood in 1912, the practice had been to send Arizona orphans to the California Children's Aid Society. By 1914, a board of directors had been elected and children were being sheltered at a rented home in downtown Tucson. ACHA incorporated in 1915 with a board of directors that included Henry O. Jaastad, the architect that designed the ACHA's two-story Spanish Colonial style home called the Arizona Children's Home. The home, at 2700 S. 8th Avenue, was built in 1921 and funded through donations and fund-raisers. Additions were made to the original building through the years and eventually the home property included a playground, pool, nursery and infirmary and other dormitory buildings. After renovations in 1987, the original building was christened Angel House and became the organization's office space.

ACHA originally offered basic custodial care -- housing, health and food services -- for orphans from its inception until the 1950s when it evolved to offer more complex psychological therapy and special education services for children and families. The fates of the children who came to the home in the early years were varied with some being adopted, some living in foster care and some living long-term at the home. ACHA developed a Covert Day Treatment Center in 1967 and an In-Home Family Therapy Program in 1980 in an effort to keep children with their families. Throughout the years, thousands of children were placed for adoption from the home or with the help of the home's staff.

In 1987, ACHA established an office in Phoenix to administer child welfare services in the northern part of the state. Eventually a Flagstaff office was opened in 1993 and was quickly followed that same year by offices in Sierra Vista, Casa Grande and additionally an office in Bisbee in 1994. During the 1990s, regional services were also offered in Yuma, Parker, Globe, Flagstaff, Lake Havasu, Nogales, Kingman, Surprise, Prescott, El Mirage, Chandler,

Bullhead City, Tolleson, Show Low, Buckeye, Fort Mohave and Coolidge. In 1997, the ACHA changed its name to the Arizona's Children Association.

ACQUISITION

This collection was donated by the Arizona's Children Association in 2011

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Christine Seliga in August 2012.

ARRANGEMENT

Arranged in 9 series: Series 1: Children Organization and Activities; Series 2: Board Minutes and Correspondence; Series 3: Governing Documents and History; Series 4: Staff Correspondence; Series 5: Building and Land Documents; Series 6: Financial Documents and Ledgers; Series 7: Development and Promotional Materials; Series 8: Scrapbooks; and Series 9: Photographs.

In addition there are 5 folders of oversized architectural and building drawings, and two outside items.

Box and Folder Listing Series 1: Children Organization and Activities

Box 1

Boys Dormitory Book	1930-1934
Enrollment Book	1937-1946

Box 2

Nursing Log	1947
Children's Spelling Workbook	n.d.

Box 3

Folder.1 Children's artwork	n.d.
f.2 Children and family testimonials	n.d.

Series 2: Board Minutes and Correspondence

Box 4

f.3 Board membership journal	1928-1963
f.4 Secretary's Book – Phoenix Branch	1924-1932
f.5 Board Membership – Compiled Lists	1913-200
f.6 Board Membership – Annual Report Lists	1925-1986
f.7 Board Membership – Letterhead Imprints	1919-1928, also late 20 th century
f.8 Early Advisory – Membership Lists	1912-1959
f.9 Advisory/Friends – Compiled Lists	1960-

Box 5

Board Minutes/ Early Correspondence	1915-1921
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Box 6

Board Minutes/ Early Correspondence	1923-1928
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Box 7

Board Minutes/ Early Correspondence	1929-1932
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Box 8

Board Minutes	1933-1934
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Box 9

Board Minutes	1934-1935
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Box 10

f.10 Board Minutes	1937
f.11 Board Minutes	1938
f.12 Board Minutes	1939
f.13 Board Minutes	1940
f.14 Board Minutes	1941
f.15 Board Minutes	1942
f.16 Board Minutes	1943
f.17 Board Minutes	1944

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f.18 Board Minutes	1945
f.19 Board Minutes	1946
f.20 Board Minutes	1947
f.21 Board Minutes	1948
f.22 Board Minutes	1949

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f.23 Board Minutes	1950
f.24 Board Minutes	1951
f.25 Board Minutes	1952
f.26 Board Minutes	1953
f.27 Board Minutes	1954

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f.28 Board Minutes	1955
f.29 Board Minutes	1956

f.30 Board Minutes	1957
f.31 Board Minutes	1958
f.32 Board Minutes	1959
f.33 Board Minutes	1960
f.34 Board Minutes	1961

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f.35 Board Minutes	1962
f.36 Board Minutes	1963
f.37 Board Minutes	1964
f.38 Board Minutes	1965
f.39 Board Minutes	1966
f.40 Board Minutes	1967
f.41 Board Minutes	1968

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f.42 Board Minutes	1969
f.43 Board Minutes	1970
f.44 Board Minutes	1971
f.45 Board Minutes	1972
f.46 Board Minutes	1973
f.47 Board Minutes	1974

Box 16

f.48 Board Minutes	1975
f.49 Board Minutes	1976
f.50 Board Minutes	1977
f.51 Board Minutes	1978
f.52 Board Minutes	1979

Box 17

f.53 Board Minutes	1980
f.54 Board Minutes	1981
f.55 Board Minutes	1982
f.56 Board Minutes	1983
f.57 Board Minutes	1984 (1 of 2)
f.58 Board Minutes	1984 (2 of 2)

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f.59 Board Minutes	1985 (1 of 2)
f.60 Board Minutes	1985 (2 of 2)
f.61 Board Minutes	1986 (1 of 3)
f.62 Board Minutes	1986 (2 of 3)
f.63 Board Minutes	1986 (3 of 3)

Box 19

f.64 Board Minutes	1987 (1 of 3)
f.65 Board Minutes	1987 (2 of 3)
f.66 Board Minutes	1987 (3 of 3)
f.67 Board Minutes	1988 (1 of 3)
f.68 Board Minutes	1988 (2 of 3)

f.69 Board Minutes	1988 (3 of 3)
f.70 Board Minutes	1989 (1 of 2)
f.71 Board Minutes	1989 (2 of 2)

Series 3: Governing Documents and History

Box 20

f.72 Mission Statements	
f.73 Articles of Incorporation	
f.74 Bylaws	
f.75 History Narratives	
f.76 "Origin and History of the Arizona Children's Home Association, 1912-1043" by Mr. Tom Davenport	1943

Series 4: Staff Correspondence

Box 21

State superintendent notes and correspondence	1915-1929
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Box 22

State superintendent notes and correspondence	1921-1922
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Box 23

State superintendent notes and correspondence	1923-1924
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Box 24

State superintendent notes and correspondence	1924-1925
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Box 25

Matron notes	1932-1935
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Box 26

Job opening correspondence	1932-1935
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Series 5: Building and Land Documents

Box 27

f.77 Tucson Campus Building Survey	2010
f.78 Attix Land	1914-1920
f.79 Pinal County Lot	1949
f.80 Olson Land	1915
f.81 Tombstone Land	1986
f.82 Wheat Home	1915
f.83 Hughes Rental Home	1916-1933
f.84 Tucson Campus Grounds	1922-1990
f.85 Butler Cottage	1925-1986
f.86 Kitchen/Nursery	1932-1984
f.87 Marshall Cottage	1958-1986
f.88 Nellie P. Covert School	1966-1986
f.89 Grace Walsh Cottage	1971-1986

f.90 Recreation Building	1977-1986
f.91 Modulares	1998-2001

Box 28

f.92 Angel House Background Materials	1921-1986
f.93 Request for Proposal Campus Utilization Architecture Plan	1983
f.94 Gresham Larsen Architectural Firm	1983-1987
f.95 Angel House Architectural Correspondence and Notes	1983-1985
f.96 Angel House Rededication	1987

Series 6: Financial Documents and Ledgers

Box 29

Accounts Payable Journal	1918-1920
Accounts Payable Journal	1921-1924
Accounts Payable Journal	1924-1927
Accounts Payable Journal	1929-1932

Box 30

Accounts Payable Journal	1932-1935
Accounts Payable Journal	1935-1937
Accounts Payable Journal	1942-1944
Accounts Payable Journal	1945-1947

Box 31

Accounts Payable Journal	1947-1948
Accounts Payable Journal	1949-1950
Accounts Payable Journal	1950-1952
Accounts Payable Journal	1952-1953

Box 32

Accounts Payable Journal	1953-1955
Accounts Payable Journal	1955-1956
Accounts Receivable Journal	1918-1924

Box 33

Accounts Receivable Journal	1930-1932
Asset Books	1937-1940
Asset Books	1940-1942
Donation Log	1925-1929

Box 34

General ledger	1916-1929
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(Pages from this ledger containing information regarding adoption placements have been removed and given to the AzCA Medical Records Department for filling with historical adoption records.)

Box 35

Annual Reports 1922-2010

Box 36

f.97 Accounts Receivable Ledger 1934-1935
f.98 Accounts Receivable Ledger 1938-1941
f.99 Accounts Receivable Ledger 1944-1947
f.100 Accounts Receivable Ledger 1945
f.101 Accounts Receivable Ledger 1947-1950

Box 37

f.102 Accounts Receivable Ledger 1948
f.103 Purchasing Log 2007-2010
f.104 Payroll Ledger 1945-1947
f.105 Donation Ledger 1937-1938
f.106 Donation Ledger 1938-1939
f.107 Donation Ledger 1939-1940
f.108 Donation Ledger 1940-1943
f.109 Donation Ledger 1941-1944
f.110 Christmas Campaign Ledger 1944
f.111 Christmas Campaign Ledger 1947-1948

Box 38

f.112 Cash Book 1934-1938
f.113 Inventory Tag Log c. 1990s
f.114 Bank Book 1920s
f.115 Bank Books 1930-1944
f.116 Bank Book 1933-1935
f.117 Bank Books 1945-1950
f.118 Bank Book 1961

Box 39

f.119 Financial Reports 1930
f.120 Financial Reports 1931
f.121 Financial Reports 1932
f.122 Financial Reports 1933
f.123 Financial Reports 1934
f.124 Financial Reports 1937
f.125 Financial Reports 1938
f.126 Financial Reports 1939

Box 40

f.127 Financial Ledger 1933-1941
f.128 Financial Ledger 1933-1948
f.129 Financial Ledger 1947-1951

Box 41

Financial Ledger with statewide donations 1929-1932

Box 42

Family credit and debit ledger 1928-1932

Family credit and debit ledger

1965-1969

Series 7: Development and Promotional Materials

Box 43

Newsletters

1915-1989

Box 44

f.130 Promotional Thank You cards/solicitations

n.d.

f.131 Arizona Highways articles

1944, 1992

f.132 Christmas Cards

1989, 1991

f.133 Centennial Promotional Materials

2011-2012

Series 8: Scrapbooks

Box 45

Scrapbook 1

1910s-1950s

Scrapbook 2

1914-1929

Box 46

Scrapbook 3

1905-1945

Scrapbook 4

1949-1965

Box 47

Scrapbook 5

1956-1959

Scrapbook 6

1965-1973

Box 48

Scrapbook 7

1973-1984

Scrapbook 8

1985-1986

Box 49

Scrapbook 9

1980-1987

Scrapbook 10

1988-1991

Box 50

Scrapbook 11

1992-

Scrapbook 12

1989

Series 9: Photographs

Box 51

Children in home

n.d., 1960-1961

Spiral book of black and white images

n.d.

Box 52

Children in home

Construction projects

Julia A. & Charles S. Attix

Early board members

1958-1965

Box 53	
Children in home	
Santa visit	
Infant portraits	
Play and musical activities	
Chores	1950s
Box 54	
Building construction and renovation	
Angel house exteriors	
Holsclaw Family Athletic Field	1980s-1990s
Box 55	
Construction	1970s-1990s
Board and staff	
Adoption events	
Master Gardener program	
Box 56	
Main Campus Buildings and Grounds	1990s
Angel House	1980s-1990s
Donors	1990s-2000s
Staff	2000s
Board	1990s-2000s
Box 57	
Volunteers	1990s
Events-Deck the Halls	1990s
Box 58	
Events-Deck the Halls	1990s
Events-Golf	1990s
Events-Phoenix Walk	1990s
Box 59	
Events-Other	1990s

Oversized Building Drawings

Folder 1:

Nursery Building Plans (9 drawings, H.O. Jaastad, architect)	n.d.
Cottage Drawings (10 drawings)	1959
Convent School Building (6 drawings)	1967

Folder 2:

Recreation Buildings (6 preliminary drawings)	1978
Recreation Buildings (13 finished drawings)	1978
Recreation Buildings (19 finished drawings)	1978

Folder 3:

West School—Big House (4 drawings)	1984
General Site Plan (7 drawings)	1984
West School Building (22 drawings)	1985

Folder 4:

Main Office Building (2 drawings)	1985
Big House Building (25 drawings)	1985

Folder 5:

General Site Plans (8 drawings)	1986
State Corrections Facility (3 drawings)	1998

Outside Items

Outside Item A: Proclamations and Accreditation Certificates	1987-2005
Outside Item B: Schedule of Dependent and Neglected Children	1933