

TITLE: Arthritis Foundation Collection

DATE RANGE: 1985-1992

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: .5 linear feet (1 box)

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HISTORICAL NOTE: The Arthritis Foundation is a non-profit health association founded in 1949 to spread awareness and promote research for treatment of arthritis. The Yuma Arthritis Voluntary Action Committee was founded in 1984 as a local group associated with the Central Arizona Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. The group later became the Yuma Branch of the Southern Arizona Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. The group's purpose was to raise awareness of arthritis and to assist the victims of arthritis and their families. In addition to educational and victim support the organization also organized fundraising events such as a Bowlathon and a Telethon.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection consists of documents from the Yuma branch of the Arthritis Foundation. Materials include various documents concerning the administration of the foundation, newsletters, meeting minutes, and membership lists.

No Series. Materials are organized in chronological order.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Administration	1986 – 1992, n.d.
	2	Board Member Information	1992
	3	Correspondence	1984 – 1993
	4	Meeting Minutes	1985 – 1993, n.d.
	5	Membership Lists	1985 – 1992
	6	News Clippings	1985 – 1992
	7	Newsletters	1985 – 1993, n.d.
	8	Photographs	n.d.