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**COMMUNITY CHEST AND UNITED GIVERS FUND (UGF)  
NASHVILLE, DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
1922-1959**

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## INTRODUCTION

Scrapbooks of the Community Chest and United Givers Fund (UGF) of Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, cover the years 1922-1959. The Community Chest and United Givers Fund collection was a gift of the United Givers Fund through the agency by Public Information Director, Mrs. Martha Brandon, Nashville, Tennessee.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Community Chest and United Givers Fund of Nashville (UGF), Davidson County, Tennessee collection contains 37 scrapbooks, one booklet, and approximately 20 items. The collection covers UGF's founding in 1922 through 1959.

The Community Chest and United Givers Fund served to consolidate the separate annual drives for funds of many charitable and community agencies in Davidson County. The scrapbooks, kept yearly, contain the following: newspaper clippings which give the names of annual campaign chairmen and volunteer workers; the monetary goal and amounts raised; participating agencies; history of many of the agencies; pictures of leaders, volunteer workers and participants; human interest stories concerning the agencies, and other newsworthy material to aid in advertising the work of the Community Chest and the United Givers Fund.

A booklet published by the Council of Community Agencies of Nashville summarizes the work of the Community Chest and the United Givers Fund during the period 1922-1957. Tables and charts show the following: participating agencies; campaign and administrative costs; monetary goals and monies raised; the influence of population increase and change in the purchasing power of the dollar, etc.

The United Givers Fund was organized in 1955 and became the successor of the Community Chest. There were 31 member agencies of the Community Chest in 1954. The first United Givers Fund campaign was made in behalf of 40 agencies.

Included in the collection are workers' kits, a booklet of facts about the Community Chest, posters advertising the annual drives for funds, pamphlets from other cities describing their Community Chest programs, and miscellaneous photographs of some volunteer workers in various annual fund drives.

Significant items in this collection include nine photographic prints by Ed Clark. Clark, then working for The Tennessean, photographed wartime volunteers and draftees at Union Station as the men left for military service, circa 1942.

## **CONTAINER LIST**

1. Volumes are wrapped two or three together with the years covered marked on each package. They are placed on VIII-A-1 through 4, chronologically.
2. Booklet published by the Council of Community Agencies, 1922-1957, is wrapped along with the 1924 scrapbook and placed on the top self, VIII-A-1.
3. Miscellaneous items are scattered throughout the volumes just as they came to us.