

COMING TOGETHER PROJECT
Special Collections – Akron Summit County Public Library

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ACCESSION NO: 2003-238

ACQUISITION: Donated by the Coming Together Project, June 4, 2003, Dr. Fannie Brown, Executive Director

ACCESS: Restricted access: materials fragile, access by request at Main Library Special Collections only; material does not circulate

VOLUME: 12 boxes, 6 LF

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Archival collection of the Coming Together Project based in Akron, Ohio. Includes publications, promotional materials, photographs, video recordings, meeting minutes, start-up grant materials, contest-winning essays and art, and photographic negatives from 1995-2006. In January, 2008, Coming Together ceased operations due to lack of financial support. Trustees Hal Horton and Lynn Clarke transferred the remainder (financial records not transferred) of the organization's collection on August 19, 2008.

ARRANGEMENT: This collection is divided into 16 series. The series are contained in 12 boxes and 1 folder. Boxes 1-8 hold the 2003 acquisition while 8-12 contain the 2008 acquisition.

INVENTORY:

SERIES: PUBLICATIONS

BOX 1: 2003 Acquisition

Folder #

- 1 Newsletters: *Coming Together News: For the Participating Organizations of the Coming Together Project, June 1994 –*
- 2 Promotional brochures:
Informational and membership brochures from various years
- 3 Event Materials:
Invitations for Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon

- 4 Program Materials:
 “*Healing the Hurts of Racism*”, December 5, 1996
 Promotional brochures, agenda, workshop materials and handouts
- 5 Calendar of Events, 2003
- 6 Annual Reports
 1996-2001
- 7 Directories
 Directory of Member Organizations, Coming Together Project, 1996
- 8 Booklist: *Diversity Reading Program: a List of Resources compiled by the Akron-Summit County Public Library, 2002*
- 9 Puzzles: jigsaw puzzles (2), 5 “ x 7”: Coming Together Project: Celebrate the Differences
- 10 Press Packet: Press information announcing the launching of the Coming Together Project as a national initiative, January 2003
- 11 *Building Blocks to Change: A Manual for Starting and Managing a Community Coming Together Project in Your Community*
(removed from original ring binder)

BOX 8: 2008 Acquisition

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- 1 Report:
 Executive Director’s Report
- 2 Administrative Documents:
 2006-2010 5 Year Strategic Plan, Feasibility Study
- 3 Report:
 Financial Report 1998-201
- 4 Record Book:
 Corporate Record Book: Code of Regulations, 123 Application
- 5 Administrative Documents:
 Board of Trustees, Community Trustees, Confidentiality Policy, Conflict of Interest, Trademark and Logo of Coming Together

- 6 Survey:
Community Readiness Survey, Office Procedures, How to Implement a CT Project
- 7 Guidebook:
Guidelines for Start-Up Grant Submission and Selection
- 8 Grant Information:
Project By-Laws
- 9 Grant Information:
Start-Up Grant Decatur, IL
- 10 Grant Information:
Start-Up Grant Hot Springs, AR
- 11 Grant Information:
Start-Up Grant Racine, WI
- 12 Scholarships:
Richard L. Averitte / Dr. Paul Martin Scholarship Application Materials
- 13 Event Materials:
Unity Walk 2005-2006 Planning Documents
- 14 Event Materials:
Mathews Hotel Planning Documents
- 15 Event Materials:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Oratorical Contest Planning Documents
- 16 Events Materials:
Miscellaneous Flyers, Programs, Invitations, Event Tickets 1997-2006
- 17 Event Materials:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Contest Flyers, Programs, Pamphlets 2001-2006

SERIES: MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

BOX 1: 2003 Acquisition

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- 12 Calendars: Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission calendars, 1999-2003.
- 13 Essays

SERIES: CORRESPONDENCE

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- 14 Letters to Dr. Fannie Brown from Congressman Tom Sawyer:
 - September 26, 1998
 - December 23, 1998
 - July 15, 2002
 - September 14, 2002

BOX 8: 2008 Acquisition

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- Letters to and from Coming Together regarding:
 - 20 Decatur, IL
 - 21 Hot Springs, AR
 - 22 Racine, WI
 - 23 Cincinnati Project
 - 24 Portage County Project
 - 25 Stark County Agreements
 - 26 President's Initiative on Race Town Hall Meeting 1997 Pre-Event Correspondences
 - 27 President's Initiative on Race Town Hall Meeting 1997 Post-Event Correspondences
 - 28 Fred Wilson Lecture/Exhibit at the Akron Art Museum
 - 29 Mathews Hotel Project
 - 30 Unity Walk 2005-2006
 - 31 Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay/Oratorical Contest
 - 32 Richard L. Averitte / Dr. Paul Martin Scholarship

SERIES: AWARDS, HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

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- 15 Award: Peacemaker Award, December 10, 1995, from the Subcommittee of the Eastminster Presbytery Synod of the Covenant, Presbyterian Church, USA
 - Certificate of Appreciation: Race Walk for Unity, September 26, 1998, from Governor George V. Voinovich
 - Distinguished Service Award: Hole-In-One Tournament, July 26, 1999
 - Certificate of Appreciation: Renaissance of an Old Neighborhood, from Perkins Street Area Action Group, August 29, 1999
 - Certificate of Appreciation, Race Walk for Unity, September 25, 1999, from Governor Bob Taft

Certificate of Appreciation: Race Walk for Unity, October 7, 2000 from
The Ohio Senate
Certificate of Appreciation: Dr. Fannie Brown, October 2000 from
The Ohio Senate
Resolution: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Expansion Committee,
January 20, 2001
Letter of Appreciation, 7th Annual Unity Walk, September 14, 2002, from
Governor Bob Taft

SERIES: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

Box 9: 2008 Acquisition

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- 33 Essays:
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay/Oratorical Contest Winners 2003
- 34 Essays:
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay/Oratorical Contest Winners 2005
- 35 Essays:
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay/Oratorical Contest Winners 2006
- 36 Art:
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Art/Calendar Contest Winners 2006
- 37 Calendars:
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. NE Ohio Regional Essay/Oratorical 2004-2006

SERIES: PRESS RELEASES

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- 16 Press Releases sent to radio stations WZIP and 91.3 The Summit

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- 18 Press Release:
 - Miscellaneous Press Releases 2001-2006
- 19 Press Release:
 - President's Initiative on Race Town Hall Meeting 1997 Press Releases

SERIES: NEWS CLIPPINGS

BOX 2: 2003 Acquisition

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SERIES: BOARD MINUTES

BOX 9: 2008 Acquisition

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- 38 Executive Board Meeting Minutes:
2003-2004
- 39 Executive Board Meeting Minutes:
2005-2006
- 40 Board Meeting Minutes:
1995
- 41 Board Meeting Minutes:
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- 42 Board Meeting Minutes:
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- 43 Board Meeting Minutes:
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- 44 Board Meeting Minutes:
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- 45 Board Meeting Minutes:
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- 46 Board Meeting Minutes:
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- 47 Board Meeting Minutes:
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- 48 Board Meeting Minutes:
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- 49 Board Meeting Minutes:
2004
- 50 Board Meeting Minutes:
2005
- 51 Board Meeting Minutes:
2006-2007

SERIES: PHOTOGRAPHS 4 x 6 and 3x5 color

BOX: 3: 2003 Acquisition

Dated photographs:

1996 Race Walk

1997 Essay Contest (First Richard L. Averitte Essay Contest)

1997 Race Walk

1997 West Hill Neighborhood Coming Together Picnic

1997 Centenary United Methodist and Trinity United Methodist Vacation Bible
School

1997 Project Picnic

1997 President Clinton's Initiative on Race, Akron Town Meeting
1997 High School workshop – Dave Shipler
1998 Jackie Joyner Kersee – Community Collaborative
1998 Race Walk
1998 Perkins Middle School workshop
1998 Akron Aeros baseball game
1998 Brown Bag Lunch
1998 Jonathan Coleman Community Collaboration
1998 West Akron Parade
1998 Men's Health Fair
1998 Minority Health Fair
1999 Akron Aeros baseball game
1999 Kettering Foundation – Dayton
1999 Yolanda King at Walsh Jesuit High School
1999 John Gray Community workshop
1999 Family Therapy Conference
2000 Decatur Dialogue
2000 Desmond Tutu at Walsh Jesuit High School
2000 Akron Aeros baseball game
2000 Decatur, Georgia group
2001 Essay Contest
2001 Ulster Project

Undated Photographs:

Bible School
Colleen
Commitment Workshop
Dr. Brown at Decatur
Dr. Brown at Wesley Temple
Al Gore – visit to Akron
High School workshop
High School Diversity workshop
Middle School Workshop
Ohio Historical Society Martin Luther King Jr. Essay/Oratorical Contest
Train Ride
Race Walk at Grace Park
West Akron Parade
Miscellaneous

BOX 10: 2008 Acquisition

Dated photographs:

1999 Kenmore
1999 Akron Bar Association
1999 League AKA Sorority
1999 Crouse Caring Community
1999 Crown Point
1999 Teen Story from Elaine Monte and Kelly
1999 Unknown Event
2001 Teen Dialogue at the Bath Church
2001 Aeros Game
2001 High School Workshop
2001 Mathews Hotel Project
2002 Fred Wilson Exhibit/Lecture at Akron Art Museum
2002 Martin Luther King Jr. Essay/Oratorical Contest at Perkins Middle School
2002 High School Dialogue on Stereotyping at Bath Church
2002 High School Workshop at Copley High School
2002 Middle School Board Orientation
2002 Teacher Workshop
2002 First Middle School Board Meeting
2002 Unity Walk
2002 High School Workshop
2002 Teen Board Holiday Party
2002 High School Workshop at Barberton High School
2003 World of Understanding Girl Scouts Workshop
2003 Teen Board Headshots
2003 Annual Luncheon Meeting at St. Joseph's
2003 Dr. Brown's Birthday with the Akron Symphony
2003 West Akron Parade
2003 Middle school Workshop at Old Trail School
2004 MLK Essay/Oratorical Contest Winners
2004 Unknown Event
2004 Unity Walk
2004 Grace Lutheran and Wesley Temple Health Fair
2004 High School Workshop at Kenmore High School
2004 Ameritte/Martin Scholarship Recipients
2005 Unity Auction and Dinner at the Fairlawn Hilton
2005 Teen High School Cultural Fair at Copley High School
2006 Community Meeting at Children's Hospital

Undated Photographs:

MLK Essay and Oratorical Contest

Unknown Event

SUB SERIES: OVERSIZE PHOTOGRAPHS:

BINDER #1: 2003 Acquisition

5 x 7 photographs (3): Clinton Town Hall Meeting, December 1997

8 x 10 photograph: unidentified year, Race Walk for Unity

8 x 10 photograph: unidentified high school students

BOX 12: 2008 Acquisition

5x7 Ameritte/ Martin Scholarship Winners 2004

5x7 MLK Essay/Oratorical Contest 2005

8x10 MLK Essay/Oratorical Contest 2005 Proof Sheets (2)

SERIES: PHOTOGRAPHIC NEGATIVES

BOX 12: 2008 Acquisition

Miscellaneous Events 1995-2006

SERIES: AUDIOTAPES

BOX 4: 2003 Acquisition

24 audiocassettes. One side labeled "Richard Averitte and Bill Lewis, the other side labeled: Richard Averitte and Judy Joyce.

1 audiocassette: Akron Beacon Journal 2/21/96, Affirmative Action – Some Opinions

1 audiocassette: Akron Beacon Journal 2/21/96, Black History Month

SERIES: VIDEOTAPES

BOX 5: 2003 Acquisition

President Clinton Town Hall Meeting Cleveland Television News Coverage, December 2, 1997 – December 8, 1997

Produced by VideoFile, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio

Contents: 12/3/97 WOIO-TV19 6 AM 19 News This Morning :57
12/3/97 WJW-TV8 7AM News 3:41
12/3/97 WEWS-TV5 9AM Morning Exchange 6:19
12/3/97 WOIO-TV 19 12PM News 5:08
12/3/97 CNN-TV 3PM Headline News 1:16
12/2/97 WEWS-TV5 5PM Live on Five 3:14
12/3/97 CNN-TV 5:30 PM Headline News 2:19
12/3/07 WJW-TV8 6PM News 2:58
12/3/97 WUAB-TV43 10PM News 4:33

12/4/97 WEWS-TV5 5:30 AM News 2:04
12/4/97 WKYC-TV3 11PM News :45
12/8/97 WEWS-TV5 6 PM News :44

Coming Together at Central State University, 1998

Town Meeting on Race: White House Travel 12/3/97 113 minutes
Produced by Purdue University Public Affairs Video Archives

BOX 11: 2008 Acquisition

MLK Essay/Oratorical Contest 1998
MLK Essay/Oratorical Contest 1999
MLK Essay/Oratorical Contest 2000
MLK Essay/Oratorical Contest 2002
MLK Essay/Oratorical Contest 2003

SERIES: COMPACT DISCS

BOX 11: 2008 Acquisition

Photographic CDS:

Unknown Event, Unknown Date
Unknown Event, Unknown Date
MLK Essay/ Oratorical Contest March 3, 2005
MLK Essay/ Oratorical Contest March 16, 2006

SERIES: REALIA

BOX 6: 2003 Acquisition

Foam bookmarks distributed to participants in the Diversity Reading Program
Trophy: Race Race, 1999, First Place
Trophy: Race/Walk, 2000, Third Place

SERIES: OVERSIZE ITEMS

BOX 7: 2003 Acquisition

Posters (2) for program featuring Dr. John Hope Franklin, March 9, 1999

Poster, Shirley Caesar In Concert, January 20, 2001
Poster, 2002 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Events Calendar

Akron Beacon Journal series, "A Question of Color"
February 28, 1993
May 3, 1993
August 24, 1993
December 26, 2003

Akron Beacon Journal (2), December 4, 1997, Town Meeting on Race with
President Bill Clinton

Akron Beacon Journal (2), July 23, 2000, Special Advertising Section for
“Another Night to Remember 2000” Akron Aeros game featuring the
Coming Together Project

Poster, 2001 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Events Calendar (board
Enclosure)

Roll of laminated articles from 1999 *Akron Beacon Journal* series, “A Question of
Color”