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Women's Alliance Records, 1977-1984

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Community women's resource, networking and referral center, founded in 1978 as the Alliance of Women in Change. Alliance of other Springfield women's organizations. Shared house with Rape Information and Counseling Service and Sojourn House. Changed name to Women's Alliance in 1980. Sold house in 1983. Dissolved in mid-eighties. Directed by Polly Poskin.

Minutes, articles of incorporation, by-laws, correspondence, grant proposals, reports, newsletters, clippings, brochures, pointed material, photographs, and administrative, personnel, financial and records documenting the Alliance's structure, goals, fund raising, and publicity, and its feminist educational, cultural, athletic, and research activities. The controversy surrounding its participation in the Coal Employment Project, and its annual sponsorship of a women's art show are recorded. Extensive topical research files on Springfield community organizations and women's issues, particularly health, sexuality, and work, are included.

SERIES I: ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS, 1977-83

Box 1: General Records, 1977-83

Folders:

1. Articles of Incorporation & Tax Exempt Status
2. Board of Directors and Editorial Staff
3. Board of minutes [1977-1983]
4. Bulk mailing
5. By-Laws
6. By-Laws
7. CETA Information
8. Correspondence-In [1977-83]
9. Correspondence-Out [1977-83]
10. Newspaper Clippings
11. Organizational Structure Chart
12. Personnel, Polly Poskin
13. Personnel Policies
14. Property Tax-Sangamon County Board of Review
15. Time Sheets & Training Information, Polly Poskin
16. Volunteer logs
17. Volunteer Resource File
18. Women's Alliance History

Box 2: Financial Records

Folders:

1. Banks
2. Capital Waste, January 1980-April 1982
3. CILCO, January 1980-April 1982
4. Compilation Financial Statement
5. Contract for Deed, release form
6. CWLP, January 1980-April 1982
7. A.G. Edwards
8. Financial Statement
9. Fiscal Budget
10. House expenses, January 1980-April 1982
11. House repairs, January 1980-April 1982
12. Illinois Bell, January 1980-April 1982
13. Insurance, January 1980-April 1982
14. [Internal Revenue Service]
15. IRS Tax Exempt Determination Letter
16. Loan agreement with NOW
17. Miscellaneous bills, January 1980-April 1982
18. Noonan's Hardware, January 1980-April 1982
19. Office supply, January 1980-April 1982
20. Polly Poskin's CETA Reimbursement
21. Postal, January 1980-April 1982
22. Printing/Newsletter, January 1980-April 1982
23. Property
24. Rental Agreement

Box 3: Fundraising, 1980-83

Folders:

1. Dance and Auction, 1981
2. Direct Mailing Response
3. Fundraising Items, 1980-82
4. Ice cream Social, July 14, 1983
5. Margie Adam's Concert, October 4, 1981
6. "Nine Women," November 15, 1981
7. "Nellie Bly Celebration," [November 19, 1982]
8. Revenue Sharing, Capital Township
9. "Rosie the Riveter," film, May 22, 1981
10. Softball Tournament Concession Stand
11. Songs you can see, 1983

Box 4: Grants, 1980-82

Folders:

1. Aetna dollars for doers, 1980-82
2. Grantmanship training, 1981

3. Grant writing, 1981-82
4. Proposal for Ms. Grant, 1981
5. Proposal sent to Aertna's program for corporate giving
6. Proposal to DCCA for a Displaced Homemakers Project
7. Request for \$1,000 from the Sangamon County Foundation, 1982
8. United Way donation to Women's Alliance, 1982
9. Women's Education Equity Act Program application
10. Women's Opportunity Giving Fund
11. [Women's Opportunity Giving Fund of the] United Presbyterian Church

Box 4: Newsletter, 1979-82

Folders:

12. "Anima Rising," August 1979-September 1980, (folder 1 of 2)
13. "Anima Rising," October 1980-Fall 1982 (folder 2 of 2)
14. Newsletter guidelines, July 1981
15. Women's Alliance flyer
16. Women's Alliance library sign out sheets
17. Women's Alliance newspaper articles
18. Women's Alliance newsletter lists

Box 5: Public Media

Folders:

1. Illinois Times for advertising events
2. Film rental lists
3. SSU films and resources

SERIES II: Program Records 1979-84

4. Artist series [1981-82]
5. Art Show and Sale 1980
6. Art Show and Sale 1981
7. Art Show and Sale 1982
8. (Spring) Art Show and Sale 1983
9. (Winter) Art Show and Sale 1983
10. (Women's) Art Alliance Holiday Show 1984

Box 6:

Folders:

1. Art Show [and Women's Art Alliance] 1984
2. Assertiveness Training
3. B. Ehrenreich, 1981
4. Blank press notice forms
5. Brainchild Reading, 1984
6. Communication skills
7. [Displaced Homemakers Program] (folder 1 of 2)
8. [Displaced Homemakers Program] (folder 2 of 2)

9. International Women's Day, 1982-83
10. Monthly Art exhibits
11. Nominal group process
12. Open House
13. Speaker's training, 1981
14. Sports, Basketball, 1979-81
15. Sports certificate, 1981
16. Sports, soccer, 1980-83
17. Sports, softball, 1980-82
18. State Fair, 1981-82
19. Take Back the Night, 1981
20. Taking Charge series, 1980-81
21. Women in sports, 1979-82

Box 7:

Folders:

1. Access to Housing Committee
2. American Civil Liberties Union
3. American Business Club
4. Community Action
5. Community Development Credit Union, August 1981-August 1982
6. Community and Economic Development
7. Congress Committees
8. Crossroads Fund
9. Disabled Persons
10. "Ego," a play by Karma Ibsen-Riley, March 1982
11. Family Service Center
12. Federation of Homemakers
13. Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)
14. Gay and Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous
15. Gray Panthers and Aging
16. I CARE (Illinois Coalition Against Reagan Economics)
17. Illinois Department of Public Aid
18. Junior League
19. King Harvest Corporation
20. League of Women Voters
21. Legislative State Support Center
22. Madison Street Corridor
23. Metropolitan Community Church
24. Midwest Women's Center
25. Migrant Farm Workers
26. National Anti-Hunger Coalition
27. National Congress of Women
28. [National Organization for Women (NOW)-ERA Countdown Campaign]
29. [NOW] ERA Information (folder 1 of 2)

Box 8:

Folders:

1. [NOW, ERA Information] (folder 2 of 2)
2. [NOW, ERA Yes]
3. [NOW, Media]
4. [NOW, Media]
5. (Illinois) NOW Media
6. NOW Publication
7. [NOW] Reproductive Rights Resource Kit
8. NOW, "Stop HLA"
9. NOW Walkathon
10. [People's Alliance for Reproductive Choice (PARC)] Human Life Amendment
Phone Script
11. [PARC] Reproductive Rights-Phone BANk
12. Planned Parenthood
13. Prairie Dog Dispatch
14. Preserving the Independence of the Federal Courts
15. PRIDE (Positive Results in a Downtown Effort)

Box 9:

Folders:

1. Pro-Choice Alliance
2. RCAR- Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights
3. RCAR- Board meeting minutes
4. Rutledge Foundation
5. SMSA Planning Report, (Springfield Metropolitan Statistical Area)- Illinois Bureau
of Employment Security
6. Springboard
7. Springfield Energy Project (SEP)
8. [SEP] Energy Conveners meeting
9. [SEP] Energy Help Community Action
10. [SEP] Energy Residential Task Force Report
11. [SEP] Energy Newspaper Articles
12. [SEP] Energy Use Task Force Luncheon January 16, 1981
13. Springfield NOW
14. Springfield Urban League

Box 10:

Folders:

1. Springfield NOW
2. SSCRPC (Springfield Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission)
3. SSU film list
4. SSU Women's Studies
5. State of Illinois Library Bibliography on Women
6. STOP HLA Coalition Springfield
7. Synergistic Network

8. VISTA project
9. V.O.T.E.R.S. (Voters Organized Together for Election Registration in Springfield)
Women's Health and Sexuality
10. Childbirth information
11. Health references and resources
12. Hope Clinic for Women, LTD.
13. Nutrition
14. Pregnancy
15. Running
16. Santa Cruz Women's Health Center
17. Teenage Pregnancy
18. Women and Health, newspaper articles
19. Women's health

Box 11: Women's Issues

1. Abortion legislation
2. Abortion Newspaper Articles
3. Abortion rights Information
4. Family/Children
5. Family/Children, newspaper articles
6. History of women
7. Illinois Commission of the Status of Women
8. Indo-Chinese refugees, women refugees
9. Legislation Midwifery
10. Partnerships/marriages
11. Pornography/sex
12. Sexual discrimination and advancement
13. Sexual harassment
14. Sexual preference
15. Title IX
16. Troxell case
17. Women and education
18. Women and energy
19. Women and finance
20. Women and the military
21. Women and religion
22. Women in politics
23. Women in prison

Box 12:

Folders:

1. Women of color
2. Women, Peace, Nuclear War

Women and Working

3. Area labor trends

4. CETA, (Comprehensive Employment Training Act)
5. Coal Employment Project
6. Economic Status of Women
7. Heads of Household
8. Illinois Career Information
9. Illinois Coalition on Women's Employment
10. Jobs and sex discrimination
11. Job description
12. Self-directed job search, and introduction. (U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration)
13. State of Illinois Position Titles
14. Women and Employment

Box 13:

Folders:

1. Women Working
2. Women Working Legislation