



**Matthew House Records,
ca. 1985-2004**

Collection 15

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate name:

Inclusive Dates: ca. 1985-2004

Physical Description:

Provenance:

These records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives by Barb Garvey of the Museum of the Grand Prairie on April 7, 2011.

Access

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Historical Note:

Matthew House, Inc., originally Matthew House 18, was a non-for-profit, non-denominational Christian organization which provided a center for children living in poverty in Champaign and Urbana. Founded in 1982 by Tamara Cibis, the center provided meals, tutoring, after-school activities, and a safe haven for neglected youth. The center also offered music and computer lessons, a Bible study, camping and other retreats, school supplies, and free clothing. Matthew House worked with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program to provide mentoring opportunities. The organization also created its own Godparent Program as a means of guidance for the children using the center. In 2003, Matthew House affiliated with Catholic Charities, shifting the organization's focus to setting up mentoring programs while still offering spiritual and material help to children.

Scope and Content:

The collection contains records from 1985-2004, with the bulk representing the mid-1990s. This collection is particularly strong in correspondence and meeting minutes. There are also newsletters, financial and administrative information, information about Matthew House's events and fundraisers, as well as a few photographs.

Subjects:

Social Services Agencies

Child Welfare

Name:

Matthew House (Champaign, Ill.)

Container List

Box 1

Folder 1: About Matthew House -- 1985, 1989, 1990, n.d.

Folder 2: Administrative-- 1989-1991, 1993, 1996-1997, n.d.



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Folder 3: By-laws / Articles of Incorporation -- 1983, 1989, 1992, 1994, n.d.

Folder 4: Correspondence -- 1984, 1990-2004, n.d.

Folder 5: Events & Fundraisers -- 1988-2004, n.d.

Folder 6: Financial -- 1988, 1990-2001, n.d.

Folder 7: Godparent Program -- 1995, n.d.

Folder 8: Meeting Minutes -- 1990-1995

Folder 9: Meeting Minutes -- 1996-2000

Folder 10: Newsletters -- 1990-2004, n.d.

Folder 11: Questionnaires/Surveys -- 1989, n.d.

Folder 12: Religious & Educational Materials -- 1989-1991, 1995, 1997, n.d.