Guide to the Las Vegas Variety Club Records

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Summary Information

- Creator: Ayers, Kari
- Title: Las Vegas Variety Club Records
- ID: MS-00590
- Date [inclusive]: 1950-1996
- Physical Description: 6.25 Cubic Feet (6 boxes)
- Physical Description: 8.78 Linear Feet
- Language of the Material: English
- Abstract: The Las Vegas Variety Club Records (1950-1996) consist of newspaper clippings and photographs that focus on the services the group provided to special needs children. Also included are several scrapbooks documenting the organization's major activities in the 1950s and 1960s.

Preferred Citation


Historical Background

The Las Vegas Variety Club was founded in 1950 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The mission of the organization was to create a school for children with special needs in Las Vegas. Utilizing the celebrity status of Las Vegas personalities, organizers were able to raise the funds needed to open the school. Celebrity endorsements included those of Jack Benny, Vincent Price, Jane Russell, Red Skelton, and newspaper owner Hank Greenspun. In 1952 the Variety School for Special Education was opened. The Variety Club opened the Variety Day Home in 1956 to accommodate the child care needs of low-income working families. The name of the organization has since been changed to Variety-The Children's Charity.
Scope and Contents Note

The Las Vegas Variety Club Records (1950-1996) consist of newspaper clippings and photographs that focus on the services provided to special needs children. Also included are several scrapbooks documenting the organization's major activities in the 1950s and 1960s.

Arrangement

Materials are arranged in rough chronological order, with the exception of the scrapbooks.

Administrative Information

Access
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Acquisition Note
Materials were donated in 2012 by Kari Ayers; accession number 2012-007.

Processing Note
Material was processed by UNLV Special Collections staff in 2012. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Ian M. Baldwin revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2017 Joyce Moore added more content to the collection, revised and enhanced the description, and updated ArchivesSpace.
Names and Subjects

- History -- Las Vegas -- Nevada
- Children -- Services for -- Nevada -- Clark County
- Photographs
- Las Vegas Variety Club

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