



Matthew House, Inc.
Records, circa 1985-2004

Collection 15

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate Name: Matthew House, Inc.

Inclusive Dates: circa 1985-2004

Physical Description: 1 box

Language: English

Provenance:

The Matthew House, Inc. records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives by Barb Garvey of the Museum of the Grand Prairie in April 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-Urbana. Founded in 1982 by Tamara Cibis, the center provided meals, tutoring, after-school activities, and served as 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 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:

This 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 Terms:

Matthew House (Champaign, Ill.)



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