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Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Metropolitan Chapter records

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Summary

Creator: Jack and Jill of America. Metropolitan Chapter

Title: Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Metropolitan Chapter records

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Source: Gift of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Metropolitan Chapter, 1989-1995.

Abstract: The first group of Jack and Jill of America was established to create a medium of contact for the children of its members and to provide a constructive, educational, recreational, and cultural program for the children and their parents. The Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Metropolitan Chapter records includes correspondence and printed matter for the Manhattan branch.

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Some materials, related to members and finances, have been removed due to sensitive information.

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Creator History

The first group of Jack and Jill of America was established in January 1938, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of creating a medium of contact for the children of its members and to provide a constructive, educational, recreational, and cultural program for the children and their parents. Membership in the organization consists of parents with children between the ages of 2 and 20 years. The foremost aims of the organization are to aid in the development of a fully integrated child along educational, emotional, physical, recreational, and social lines; to aid mothers in learning more about their children; to provide better opportunities for all children; and to support national legislation aimed at bettering the condition of children. Community service is a major emphasis of the organization. There are 187 chapters and more than 35,000 members in 36 states. The Metropolitan Chapter pertains to the organization located in Manhattan.

The Jack and Jill of America Foundation was established in 1968. The Foundation addresses issues affecting African American children and families, by investing in programs and services that create a strong foundation for children to thrive long-term.

Scope and Content Note

The Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Metropolitan Chapter records include correspondence and printed matter. The correspondence (1959-1989) is from presidents Barbara Jackson and Juanita Peterson to members. There also is correspondence and other material from other chapters and the Eastern Region. In addition, the collection includes Executive Committee minutes, membership lists, presidents' and financial reports, bank records, and files for the Jack and Jill of America Foundation. The collection principally contains printed material and information about events occurring in the various regions across the country and about individual members; these materials include several national directories, miscellaneous programs, newsclippings, a handbook (1948), a manual (1952), newsletters, conference reports and photographs.

Key Terms

Subjects

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