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Youth Haven Collection**

**Descriptive Summary**

**Repository:** Roanoke Public Libraries, Virginia Room

**Accession number:** 2013.8.12

**Title:** The Youth Haven Collection

**Physical Characteristics:** 1 Box

**Donated by:** Youth Haven

**Arrangement:** Box contains 15 folders organized with subject headings designated by The Junior Woman's Club of Roanoke, Inc.'s report.

**Creator:** The Junior Woman's Club of Roanoke, Inc.

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**Organizational Note**

Youth Haven is a probation house for Roanoke City Juvenile Court in the State of Virginia. It was created in 1970 as a project of the Junior Woman's Club of Roanoke, Inc. Youth Haven, Virginia's first probation house, was the state's first preventative facility for juvenile delinquency. In its beginnings, Youth Haven was under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of Roanoke City and was staffed with a full-time housemother, a caseworker, three male supervisors who alternated shifts around the clock (with the help of a part-time supervisor), a part-time psychologist and a cook-housekeeper. The primary function of Youth Haven was to provide a community-based service of short term, small group residential training for delinquent children. Youth Haven could accommodate eight boys ranging in age from 10 to 16 in the first few years.

**Scope and Content**

The Youth Haven Collection is comprised of materials relating to the early stages of the organization from 1969 through 1972. The Collection includes 15 folders containing the organization's founding, financial beginnings, activities, and connections to other government and community organizations. The collection is a single report that has been divided into 15 sections. The collection contains organizational reports, legislative reports, financial reports, pictures, newspaper clippings, and correspondence.

**Container List**

Box 1 of 1

Folder 1 – History and Geography (1970)

Folder 2 – Narrative 1969-1972)

Folder 3 – Addendum of Youth Activities

- Folder 4 – Miscellaneous
- Folder 5 – Materials to Establish Needs
- Folder 6 – Roanoke Valley Council of Community Services (1969-1970; articles 1971)
- Folder 7 – Financing (1970-1972)
- Folder 8 – City Council Appearances (1971-1972)
- Folder 9 – CIP (Community Improvement Program) Seminar (1971)
- Folder 10 – Mr. (John H) Blalock's Visit (1971)
- Folder 11 – Publicity (1969-1972)
- Folder 12 – Convention (1971)
- Folder 13 – Juvenile Court Problems (1971-1972)
- Folder 14 – Pictures (1970 – 1972)
- Folder 15 – Correspondence (1969-1972)