

Preserving Alliance Women's History Final Report – January 2023

Institution/Organization Name: YWCA Alliance

Project Title: Preserving Alliance Women's History

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Summary of Project Activities and Accomplishments:

After many hours of digitizing scrapbooks and annual reports, reformatting scrapbooks, and indexing newspaper articles, the YWCA Alliance has enhanced the recorded documentation of women's history in the city of Alliance. During the process, YWCA Alliance collaborated with the Alliance Historical Society and Rodman Public Library, tapping their expertise to help preserve and store this information.

A total of 84 annual reports, dating from 1926 to present have been added to Rodman Public Library's Alliance Memory project. The collection can be accessed at <https://www.alliancememory.org/digital/collection/YWCA>. Since the collection was added in September 2022, pages on the site have been viewed 101 times.

Copies of the scrapbook newspaper articles are currently being indexed for inclusion in Rodman Public Library's online Alliance Index (<http://allianceindex.com>), an index of newspaper articles from *The Alliance Review*. A total of 648 titles now appear when one searches the index for YWCA. This includes about 1/3 to 1/2 of the articles included in the scrapbooks. The process is slow but will continue until all are indexed. Library staff are verifying the dates and page numbers of the articles so that the correct dates of the articles is recorded. A brief synopsis of the article is included with the citation (see attached examples).

The 14 "magnetic page" scrapbooks have been placed into archival storage boxes. The remaining 16 scrapbooks were reformatted into archival scrapbook albums by either placing the entire page into a polyester sleeve in the scrapbook album or remounting the items onto acid-free pages from the new scrapbook albums. The new albums were placed into archival boxes. Pages that were too large for the new scrapbook albums were encapsulated in polyester and placed in an archival box (see attached "before" and "after" photos).

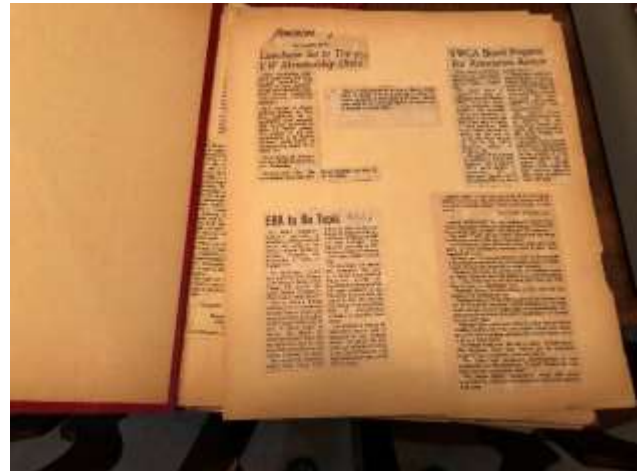
Archival TIFF images of all materials were duplicated onto an external hard drive, which is stored in the YWCA's safe, and onto the YWCA's Google cloud drive.

As YWCA Alliance approaches its 100th anniversary in 2026, the materials will be used more heavily as the group prepares programs and social media campaigns around this historic event. The staff will be able to search the Alliance Index to find relevant news articles to feature and then locate the scrapbook pages by browsing through the Google Drive entries. They will use Alliance Memory to search the texts of the annual reports to find pertinent information for the

growth of the women's organization in Alliance. These previously hidden materials are now available for researchers to explore the history of the YWCA and women in Alliance.

With continued collaboration and training from Alliance Historical Society and Rodman Public Library staff, the YWCA Alliance staff now have a better understanding of how to preserve their materials going forward.


Before Photos



After Photos



Alliance Index Entries




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Newspaper Count: 648

Title	Date
Kwano, Mount Union wrap gifts for children in need.	2021-12-04
Domestic violence agencies share resources at Alliance YWCA event.	2021-10-23
Vandal steals, destroys sign on Alliance YWCA building	2021-06-19
Facilitating joy: Alliance YWCA triples Christmas Outreach program, assists 30 families this year.	2020-12-26
Alliance YWCA picks new director	2020-09-04

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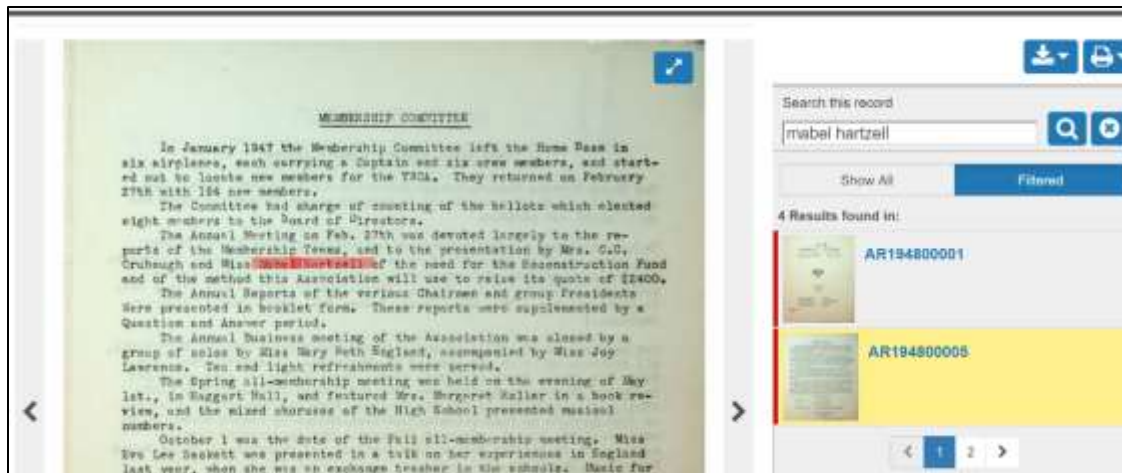
Business Girls Outline Plans for January	1940-01-09
Announce Winter Term Classes at Y.W.C.A.	1940-01-09
Ohio Welfare Director Addresses Alliance Club: Margaret Altman Is Guest Day Speaker at Y.W.C.A.	1937-11-30
Thanksgiving Meal Provided Needy Families: Junior Red Cross and Camp Fire Girls Deliver Baskets	1937-11-24
Young Womanhood Using Facilities of Y.W.C.A.	1937-11-11
Two Courses Added to Y Co-ed Classes: Personal Finances and Religion Will be New Subjects	1936-03-02
Y.W.C.A. Reviews Ten Years of History at Anniversary Dinner	1936-02-13

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Title:	Young Womanhood Using Facilities of Y.W.C.A.	View Download
Newspaper Title:	The Alliance Review	
Date:	1937-11-11	
Page:	1, col. 7 2, col. 6	
Summary:	Twenty-nine groups use the YWCA facilities to give service to young women of Alliance. The Alliance Community Fund Campaign will help continue these services if the goal is reached.	
Subject:	YWCA; Alliance -- Community Fund	
Illustration:	N	

Alliance Memory Entries: Collection Page; Browse Page; Full Text Search Page



Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board
National Historical Records & Publications (NHPRC)
State and National Archival Partnership (SNAP) Grants Regrant Program

Salaries and Wages	Grant Funds	Matching Funds	Total
186 volunteer hours @ \$28.54	\$0.00	\$5,308.44	\$5,308.44
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
Subtotals: Salaries and Wages	\$0.00	\$5,308.44	\$5,308.44
Supplies	Grant Funds	Matching Funds	Total
Archival boxes and folders	\$407.01	\$313.15	\$720.16
Scrapbook, photo albums, and additional pages	\$350.00	\$449.87	\$799.87
Encapsulation polyester and tape (receipts attached)	\$228.00	\$26.47	\$254.47
			\$0.00
Subtotals: Supplies	\$985.01	\$789.49	\$1,774.50
Equipment	Grant Funds	Matching Funds	Total
1 Seagate 2TB external hard drive	\$66.99	\$0.00	\$66.99
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
Subtotals: Equipments	\$66.99	\$0.00	\$66.99
Contracted Services	Grant Funds	Matching Funds	Total
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
Subtotals: Contracted Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Eligible Expenses	Grant Funds	Matching Funds	Total
Shipping	\$0.00	\$209.19	\$209.19
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
Subtotals: Other Eligible Expenses	\$0.00	\$209.19	\$209.19
Summary Budget	Grant Funds	Matching Funds	Total
<i>Salaries and Wages</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$5,308.44</i>	<i>\$5,308.44</i>
<i>Supplies</i>	<i>\$985.01</i>	<i>\$789.49</i>	<i>\$1,774.50</i>
<i>Equipment</i>	<i>\$66.99</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$66.99</i>
<i>Contracted Services</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<i>Other Eligible Expenses</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$209.19</i>	<i>\$209.19</i>
Total Project Budget	\$1,052.00	\$6,307.12	\$7,359.12

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