

Title: The Links, Inc. (Cream City Wisconsin Chapter) Collection

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Abstract: The Links, Inc. was founded on November 9, 1946 in Philadelphia by Margaret Hawkins and Sarah Scott. They envisioned an organization which would be responsible to the needs and aspirations of Black women. Chapters throughout the eastern seaboard grew out of this founding organization. By 1950 the organization had branches all across the country. The purpose of the group is education, civic and cultural. The national programs include National and International Trends and Services, Services to Youth and Arts.

The Cream City Wisconsin Chapter was chartered on March 4, 1990, in Milwaukee under the founding President, Loree Chicoye. They chose the name “Cream City” for their chapter because it represented the cream-colored bricks used to build the city from the ground up. The organization promoted educational, as well as civic, cultural, youth, and social programs. Some of their activities included bringing awareness to national and international trends, sponsoring events and luncheons for fundraising, sponsoring art exhibitions, and sponsoring and implementing projects in support of youth. The organization continues to work in the community today.

Scope and Content: The collection contains records of the National Assemblies for The Links, Inc., as well as other program information from the national organization. There are also records pertaining to the Central Area of The Links, Inc. and their annual meetings.

The majority of the collection contains the records of the Cream City Wisconsin Chapter of The Links, Inc. These records include programs sponsored by the organization including the Ebony Fashion Fair, Night at Monte Carlo, and Arts/Services to Youth. The records consist of correspondence, meeting minutes, financial records, and other records of the organization. There are also scrapbooks and many photographs from the organization’s events. The collection is organized alphabetically by folder title. There are a few oversized items including posters, and large scrapbooks.

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3) Links Inc. Cream City Wisconsin Chapter list of accomplishments (2 copies)	WHS, Sh. A110	
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5) Experience Art 2005 on Riverwalk display board	WHS, Sh. A110	
6) Project Lead High Expectations/Project Start Smart module book	WHS, Sh. A110	
7) Activities display boards for Links Cream City Wisconsin Chapter	WHS, Sh. A110	