

Motivate Our Minds records

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Summary Information

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| Repository | Ball State University Archives and Special Collections |
| Creator | Motivate Our Minds. (Muncie, Ind.) |
| Title | Motivate Our Minds records |
| Date [inclusive] | 1987-2016 |
| Extent | 2.7 Cubic feet 4 boxes; digital records |
| Language | English |

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Administrative History

Motivate Our Minds, Inc. (MOMs) was founded in the summer of 1987 by Mary Dollison and Raushanah Shabazz. Dollison and Shabazz wanted to provide assistance to under-served and at-risk students in Delaware County through various means of tutoring and enrichment activities. The first group consisted of sixteen students, and all activities were held in Dollison's living room. Of the sixteen students, fifteen successfully graduated from high school, and twelve of the students attended college.

MOMs eventually moved their activities to the Union Baptist Church of Muncie, but quickly found themselves outgrowing the space provided to them. Dollison, Shabazz, and other executives scouted locations across Muncie and eventually settled into their permanent location, a former meat market located on 2023 East Highland Avenue in the Whitely neighborhood. Thanks to grants and donations from the community, MOM's new facility was ready to accommodate students in 2003. The facility was renovated in 2004 to include three classrooms, a library, a kitchen, a computer lab, a community room, and a new office suite.

MOMs offers many educational classes and tutoring sessions, including courses in reading, mathematics, technology, language arts, and physical education. While the organization is dedicated to educating local students, they also help students become responsible members of their communities. Students can help plant, raise, harvest, and sell vegetables at the Motivate Our Minds community garden, assist with the Motivate Our Minds Read-A-Thon fundraiser, or participate in creative activities that promote Muncie and Delaware County history.

The organization currently serves 300 to 400 Delaware County students ranging from kindergarten to the eighth grade.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes newspaper clippings, photographs, scrapbooks, promotional materials, and digital records from Motivate Our Minds, Inc. in Muncie, Indiana ranging from 1987 to 2016.

Arrangement

Arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Motivate Our Minds records, 1987-2016

Series 2: Motivate Our Minds digital records, 2016

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Ball State University Archives and Special Collections

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Archives and Special Collections as a donation from Monique Armstrong on 2017/03/06 and 2017/04/18.

Accruals

Further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2018/04/18 by Lindsey M. Vesperry and Shelby Stallard. EAD finding aid created 2017/04/18 by Lindsey M. Vesperry. EAD finding aid revised 2017/04/18 by Lindsey M. Vesperry.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Clippings
- Newspapers
- Photographs

Geographic Name(s)

- Muncie (Ind.)--History--20th century--Sources
- Muncie (Ind.)--History--21st century--Sources

Personal Name(s)

- Armstrong, Monique
- Dollison, Mary
- Shabazz, Raushanah I., 1936-2015

Subject(s)

- Brochures
- Children
- Education

Series 1: Motivate Our Minds records, 1987-2016

Collection Inventory

| Series 1: Motivate Our Minds records, 1987-2016 | | |
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| | Box | Folder |
| 10th anniversary photographs, 1997 | 1 | 1 |
| 10th, 15th, 20th anniversary photographs, 1997, 2002, 2007 | 1 | 2 |
| | | Box |
| 15th anniversary dinner list floppy disc, 2002 | | 4 |
| | Box | Folder |
| 15th anniversary dinner photographs, 2002 | 1 | 3 |
| 15th anniversary dinner photographs, 2002 | 1 | 4 |
| | | Box |
| 20th anniversary dinner DVD video, 2007/05/17 | | 4 |
| | Box | Folder |
| 20th anniversary dinner photographs, 2007/05/17 | 1 | 5 |
| 20th anniversary dinner photographs, 2007/05/17 | 1 | 6 |
| Activities photographs, 2008-2012 | 1 | 7 |

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| "Building Entrepreneurs" book, 2005 | 1 | 8 |
| Class worksheets and photographs, 1994 | 1 | 9 |
| Classes and activities photographs, 2000 | 1 | 10 |
| Community garden book, 2005 | 1 | 11 |
| Community garden photographs, 2005 | 1 | 12 |
| Community garden photographs, 2008/07/29 | 1 | 13 |
| Enrichment activities newspaper clippings, correspondence, and photographs, 1995-1996 | 1 | 14 |
| Enrichment activities newspaper clippings, correspondence, and photographs, 1997-1998 | 1 | 15 |
| Enrichment activities photographs, 1992-1994 | 1 | 16 |
| Fred Wenger Memorial correspondence, promotional materials, and photographs, 2004/07/08 | 1 | 17 |
| | | Box |
| Masterworks Chorale poster, 2016 | | 3 |
| Motivate Our Minds activities photograph disc, 2002 | | 4 |

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| Motivate Our Minds activities photograph disc, 2003 | | 4 |
| Motivate Our Minds and Ivy Tech class sign-up form, 2005 | | 3 |
| | Box | Folder |
| Motivate Our Minds: A Presentation materials, 1987-1999 | 1 | 18 |
| Motivate Our Minds: A Presentation materials, 1997-2001 | 1 | 19 |
| Motivate Our Minds: A Presentation materials, 2000-2003 | 1 | 20 |
| Motivate Our Minds: A Presentation materials, 2007 | 1 | 21 |
| Motivate Our Minds dinner photographs, 2006 | 1 | 22 |
| Motivate Our Minds history articles, 1987-1997 | 1 | 23 |
| Motivate Our Minds history timeline, 2017 | 1 | 24 |
| Newspaper clippings and photographs, 1987-1995 | 1 | 25 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, and promtional materials, 1987-1990, 1995, 2001, 2009-2012 | 1 | 26 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, correspondence, and promotional materials, 1992-1993 | 1 | 27 |

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| Newspaper clippings, photographs, correspondence, and promotional materials, 1994 | 1 | 28 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, correspondence, and promotional materials, 1995 | 1 | 29 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, correspondence, and promotional materials, 1996 | 1 | 30 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, correspondence, and promotional materials, 1997 | 1 | 31 |
| Newspaper clippings and photographs, 1998 | 2 | 1 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, and promotional materials, 1999 | 2 | 2 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, and promotional materials, 2000 | 2 | 3 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, yearbook, and promotional materials, 2001 | 2 | 4 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, and promotional materials, 2002 | 2 | 5 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, and promotional materials (#1), 2003 | 2 | 6 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, and promotional materials (#2), 2003 | 2 | 7 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, and promotional materials, 2004 | 2 | 8 |

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| Newspaper clippings, photographs, and promotional materials, 2005 | 2 | 9 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, and promotional materials, 2006 | 2 | 10 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, and promotional materials, 2007 | 2 | 11 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, and promotional materials, 2008 | 2 | 12 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, and promotional materials, 2009 | 2 | 13 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, and promotional materials, 2010 | 2 | 14 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, and promotional materials, 2011 | 2 | 15 |
| Newspaper clippings and promotional materials, 2011-2012 | 2 | 16 |
| Newspaper clippings, photographs, and promotional materials, 2012 | 2 | 17 |
| Newspaper clippings and promotional materials, 2013 | 2 | 18 |
| Newspaper clippings and promotional materials for 30th anniversary commemorative book, 2013-2016 | 2 | 19 |
| Newspaper clippings and promotional materials, 2014 | 2 | 20 |
| Newspaper clippings and promotional materials, 2015 | 2 | 21 |

Series 2: Motivate Our Minds digital records, 2016

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| Newspaper clippings and promotional materials, 2015 | 2 | 22 |
| Newspaper clippings and promotional materials, 2016 | 2 | 23 |
| | | Box |
| Newspaper clippings, oversize, 2001-2012 | | 3 |
| | Box | Folder |
| President Brownell, Read-A-Thon, and Kwanzaa photographs, 1997, 2002, 2007 | 2 | 24 |
| | | Box |
| Read-A-Thon Day proclamation, 2005/05/19 | | 3 |
| Scrapbook, 1988-1996, 2004 | | 3 |
| Scrapbook, 1990-1995, 2003 | | 3 |
| | Box | Folder |
| Scrapbook, 1996 | 2 | 25 |
| Special Congressional Recognition certificate, 2013/07/19 | 2 | 26 |
| Student scrapbook, 2002 | 2 | 27 |

Series 2: Motivate Our Minds digital records, 2016

Scope and Contents

Series 2: Motivate Our Minds digital records, 2016

This series contains digital photographs of seven art projects (5 poster boards, 1 scrapbook, and 1 3-D object) that were created by students from Motivate Our Minds (MOMs) as part of the Masterworks Chorale *Middletown USA* concert held on May 14, 2016. The students were asked to create projects that reflect their own experiences growing up in "Middletown" and were assisted by volunteers from Masterworks Chorale during the creation process. The projects were displayed in the lobby outside the Muncie Central High School auditorium on the night of the concert performance.