

**UNIFEM Chicago Chapter Records,  
1990-2001, n.d.**

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**See Also:** UNIFEM Chicago Chapter Records Addendum 1 at the WLA.

**Organization History**

The papers from the Greater Chicago Chapter of the U.S. Committee for UNIFEM (The United Nations Development Fund for Women) span from 1990 to 2001, when the chapter was dissolved. The Greater Chicago Chapter (called here the Chicago Chapter) began in 1989 as a volunteer organization that worked to support projects in developing nations of the world through affiliation with UNIFEM. The chapter mission statement explains that the chapter was formed to build awareness in the Chicago community of the key role women play in reaching development goals, to raise funds to support UNIFEM activities, to provide speakers to Chicago area organizations and schools, and to work with other local, national and international organizations which share our goals for women. The basic concern of the organization was to support and strive for the civil and political rights of women and recognition of women as equal partners in society.

UNIFEM was created in 1976 by the UN General Assembly as the Volunteer Fund for the UN Decade For Women. Renamed in 1985, it works in autonomous association with the UN Development Program. Based in New York, UNIFEM has regional programs in Asia and the Pacific, western Asia, Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean. UNIFEM'S program areas focus on women's economic and political empowerment.

Members of the Chicago Chapter paid annual dues of which part was sent to UNIFEM-USA. Office space was secured. The chapter issued periodic newsletters and invitations to a wide variety of programs, speakers and events throughout the years. Often the

chapter sponsored special events such as the International Women's Day and programs such as AFWIC Umbrella Program—African Women in Crisis. Also the chapter planned fund raising projects such a 1992 cook book project and a 1999 quilt project.

The chapter membership numbers were usually about thirty to thirty-five and there was an active membership committee. In 2001 the chapter called a special meeting in February to discuss dissolving the chapter. As of March 31, 2001 the chapter was officially dissolved. Nihal Hassan was president at the time.

The papers also contain material related to UNIFEM-USA. Reports indicate that it developed from the First Women's Conference in Mexico in 1975. In 1976 Pat Kutar is credited with the beginning of UNIFEM-USA. The UNIFEM-USA papers contain extensive correspondence from its president to the twenty chapters. Membership dues information and by-laws revision details are included. There are reports of annual meetings along with the 1994 UNIFEM-USA Handbook. Information on CEDAW is also included.

CEDAW-The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1979. It became an autonomous organization within the UN in 1985. There are files on CEDAW activities in the Chicago area and correspondence with Chicago chapter members. In 1999 CEDAW members made an effort to have the city of Chicago adopt the Convention so that its provisions would set goals and standards of conduct for all in Chicago in promoting equality for women in all aspects of their lives. There is a copy of the Resolution prepared by CEDAW in the papers.

The papers include a document, "WOMEN and the UN 1945-1995," which presents a helpful overview of UNIFEM. There is also a helpful fact sheet on the creation of UNIFEM and its place in the UN. UNIFEM's role of advocating for women in developing nations is basic to its activities. The desires of the Chicago chapter was to always support and assist with funds and education this major work of UNIFEM through UNIFEM-USA.

### **Scope & Content**

The papers of the Greater Chicago Chapter of UNIFEM-USA span the years 1990 to 2001 and document the organization and activities of the chapter. Included are annual statements of the purpose and goals .In addition there is extensive material on UNIFEM-USA of which the Chicago Chapter was a dues paying member. The Chicago Chapter papers contain organizational history, chapter brochures, the work of committees and extensive Board of Directors material. Also there are reports of chapter activities and sponsored events. The UNIFEM-USA material contains correspondence, membership information, by-law revisions and annual meeting reports.

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**Series 1: Administrative History, 1990-2001, n.d., Boxes 1-2**

This series contains Chicago chapter brochures, membership information, and agendas and minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings. There are also business and committee reports. This series also contains materials on the organization of UNIFEM/USA.

**Series 2: Programs/Events, 1992-2000, n.d., Box 3**

This series contains information on the many programs, events, and conference in which UNIFEM was involved. It also contains information on CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women).

**Series 3: Audio-Visual and 3D objects, 1994-2001, n.d., Boxes 4-6**

This series contains photographs, computer disks, VHS tapes, and textile souvenirs from UNIFEM events and meetings.

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	3	Administration: Letterhead/ Stationery	n.d.
	4	Annual Meeting	1999
	5	Annual Meeting	2000
	6	Annual Meeting	2001
	7	Articles of Incorporation	1990
	8	Board of Directors: Nominations, Lists	1996-2000
	9	Board of Directors: Meetings	1995-2000
	10	Board of Directors: Meeting to dissolve Chicago chapter	2001
	11	Budgets/ Financial Statements	1995-2001
	12	Business/ Strategic Plan	1996-2004
	13	By-Laws	1993-2000, n.d.
	14	Committees: Fundraising	1995-2000, n.d.
	15	Committees: Membership	1998-2000, n.d.
	16	Committees: Program	1997-2000
	15	Correspondence	1995-2000
	16	Illinois Charitable Registration Reports	1993-2000
2	1	Membership Correspondence	1993-2001
	2	Membership Directory	1996-2001
	3	National Committee Guidelines	n.d.
	4	New Chapter Handbook	1994, n.d.
	5	Newspaper Clippings	1999-2000
	6	Publications: Annual Reports	1994-1999
	7	Publications: Brochures/ Mailings	n.d.
	8	Publications: Brochures/ Mailings from other associations	1997-1999, n.d.
	9	Publications: Newsletters	1996-2000, n.d.
	10	Publications: Newsletters from other UNIFEM chapters	1998-2000
	11	Publications: "Working for Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality"	n.d.
	12	Publications: UNIFEM in Asia, Africa, and Latin America	n.d.
	13	Sales Tax Exemption Forms	1990-1996
	14	Secretary of State Annual Reports	1991-2001
	15	Space Rental Contracts	1996-2000, n.d.
	16	United Nations Association, Greater Chicago Chapter	n.d.

**Series 2: Programs/ Events, 1992-2000, n.d.**

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3	1	16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence	1998-2000
	2	Annual Dinner/ Fundraiser	1996
	3	Annual Dinner/ Fundraiser: Silent Auction, Donor List	1995-1996
	4	Beijing Plus Five	1995, 1999-2000
	5	CEDAW	n.d.
	6	CEDAW: Correspondence	1998-1999
	7	CEDAW: Women's Convention Coalition of Chicago	1998-1999
	8	Cookbook Project	1992-1993, n.d.
	9	Hague Appeal for Peace Conference	1999
	10	International Women's Day Conference	1999
	11	International Women's Day Event	1995, 1999-2000
	12	Iraq Anti-Sanction Event	1998
	13	Midwest Celebration of Human Rights	1998
	14	Peace Museum	1999-2000
	15	Programs: miscellaneous	n.d.
	16	Replies to Donor Requests	1995-1996
	17	United Nations Inter-Agency Global Videoconference	1999
	18	United Nations Day World Music Concert	1997
	19	UNIFEM Quilt Project	1998

**Series 3: Audiovisual/ 3D, 1994-2001, n.d.**

4	1	Monograph: <i>Agenda 21: An Easy Reference to the Specific Recommendations on Women</i>	n.d.
	2	Monograph: <i>Families in Focus: New Perspectives on Mothers, Fathers, and Children</i>	1995
	3	Monograph: <i>Women Inventors Organizations</i>	1994
	4	Monograph: <i>Women on the Agenda: UNIFEM's Experience in Mainstreaming with Women 1985-1990</i>	1990
	5	Photographs: International Women's Day Event	1999
	6	Photographs: Iraq Anti-Sanction Event	1998
	7	Photographs: UNIFEM members	2001
5		Computer Disk 1: Annual Meeting, Mailings	1999, n.d.
		Computer Disk 2: Agendas, Letters/Memos/Faxes, Mailings	1998-1999, n.d.
		Computer Disk 3: Mailings, misc.	n.d.
		Computer Disk 4: Agendas, Minutes	1999-2001, n.d.
		Computer Disk 5: Mailing list, Members and Non-members	n.d.
		Computer Disk 6: Financial Statements, Budgets	n.d.
		Computer Disk 7: UNIFEM Invite	n.d.
		Computer Disk 8: UNIFEM Fonts	n.d.
		UNIFEM Promotional Video	1995

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	UNIFEM Promotional Video	1999
	UNIFEM Video: "A World of Violence Against Women" Videoconference	1999
	Video: "Dignity: African Women in Crisis"	n.d.
6	UNIFEM flag	n.d.
	UNIFEM Dollar Campaign Quilt remnants	n.d.

**UNIFEM Chicago Chapter Records,  
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**Scope and Content**

This Addendum spans the years 1992 to 2001 with some repetition of materials present in the original collection. Additional material includes annual meeting reports from 1992 to 2000; Board of Directors meeting reports from 1993 to 2000; extensive Treasurer reports and projects and events sponsored by the Chapter. Also included are materials from UNIFEM national office, U.N., and UNICEF reports and brochures.

**Series**

**Series 1: Administrative History, 1992 – 2000, n.d. Boxes 1-2**

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	7	Annual Meeting	2000
	8	Board of Directors: Information/ Duties	n.d.
	9	Board of Directors: Meetings	1993-1995
	10	Board of Directors: Meetings	1996
	11	Board of Directors: Meetings	1997-1998
	12	Board of Directors: Meetings	1999-2000
	13	Budget/ Financial Statements	1993-1999
	14	By-Laws	1992-2000, n.d.
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	19	Publications: Brochures	1995-1997
	20	Publications: Flyers	1994-1999
	21	Publications: Mailings	1995-2000
2	1	Publications: Newsletters	1995-1998
	2	U.N./UNICEF: Brochures/ Information	1994, 1998, n.d.

***Series 2: Programs/ Events, 1995-2001, n.d.***

3	Annual Dinner/ Fundraiser	1996
4	Beijing Conference on Women/ Beyond Beijing/ Beijing Plus Five	1995-1999
5	CEDAW: "Bringing Equality Home"	1998
6	Hague Appeal for Peace	1999, n.d.
7	Open House	1999



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8	Quilt Project/ Fundraiser	2001, n.d.
9	Quilt Project/ Fundraiser: Computer Disk 1	n.d.