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Cleveland Community Fund, 1935-1937.

MR. DUDLEY STUART BLOSSOM
INVITES YOU TO BE HIS GUEST
AT THE
SEVENTEENTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER
OF THE
CLEVELAND COMMUNITY FUND
TO BE GIVEN BY HIM IN HONOR OF
THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
MEMBERS OF DIVISION A
LEADERS OF THE
INDUSTRIAL AND METROPOLITAN
DIVISIONS
AND OTHER FRIENDS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1935
6:00 P. M.
MID-DAY CLUB
UNION TRUST BUILDING

R. S. V. P.

INFORMAL

Mr. Blossom is pleased to announce
as the guest speaker

Dr. George Edgar Vincent

Former President, The Rockefeller Foundation
Vice-President, Community Chests & Councils, Inc.

Dudley S. Blossom
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100 Services

November 4, 1935.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard,
Bratenahl, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Community Fund Women's Committee, local unit of the National Mobilization for Human Needs, is calling a very important meeting for Friday, November 8th, at 2 o'clock, in the Higbee Auditorium. Representative leaders of women's groups in Cleveland have been invited to attend in order to hear completed plans for the accomplishment of the women's program. Mr. C. M. Bookman, executive vice-chairman of the Cincinnati Community Chest, will be the principal speaker at this meeting. Mr. Edward A. Lynde, newly appointed executive secretary of the Welfare Federation, will also speak briefly. A short musical program will be offered by students of the Music School settlement.

A luncheon will be given in honor of Mr. Bookman, preceding the afternoon meeting, at 12 o'clock in the Rose Room of the Hotel Cleveland. Invitations to this luncheon have been limited to hostesses and the Planning Committee, and we are also inviting a few prominent men to be present. We should like very much to have you attend the luncheon and sit at the speakers' table.

Will you please fill in the enclosed card indicating your acceptance, and return it to our office by Tuesday, so that a reservation may be made for you.

I am counting on your assistance in making this meeting a success, and wish to express the appreciation of the Women's Committee for your cooperation.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Frank E. Sexton
Mrs. Frank E. Sexton,
Chairman, Women's Committee.

ATTEND THE
COMMUNITY
FUND
EXPOSITION
NOV. 11 TO 17
PUBLIC
AUDITORIUM



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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CLEVELAND COMMUNITY FUND CAMPAIGN NOVEMBER 18-26, 1935

Ellwood H. Fisher Campaign Chairman	Philip R. Mather Division A Chairman	P. W. Close Industrial Chairman	Dale Brown Metropolitan Chairman	W. G. Leutner Schools Chairman	Mrs. Frank E. Sexton Chmn. Women's Com.	F. Carlisle Foster Publicity Chairman
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105 Services

September 21, 1936.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road & E. 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The placing of signs at strategic locations on church property has always played an important part in the annual Community Fund Campaign.

I am writing to you at this time to ask your kind permission to again place one of these cloth banners at your church this year. By so doing, you are helping to place this great task before the public as a community responsibility. May we count on you?

These signs are approximately 3 feet high by 12 feet wide, mounted on wooden frames. Some churches prefer to have these banners erected over the door or elsewhere on the building, while others have them erected in the church yard.

We plan to erect these signs about November 9 to remain through the Campaign, which ends November 24, when they will be removed promptly. The details of putting up and taking down the signs will be our job.

These signs are necessary for the success of this campaign, and the cooperation you give will be greatly appreciated. I am enclosing a postal card for your convenience in replying.

In order to bring our files up to date on church bulletins, we are also enclosing a card asking for data concerning your bulletin. We will appreciate it very much if you will fill out the card and return it, together with the sign card.

Very truly yours,

F. Carlisle Foster
F. Carlisle Foster,
Publicity Chairman.

FCF:FRH

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CLEVELAND COMMUNITY FUND CAMPAIGN NOVEMBER 16-24, 1936

Ellwood H. Fisher - Campaign Chairman

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105 Services

October 29, 1936

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Community Fund cordially invites you as its guest to a small, informal dinner at the Union Club, Friday, November 6, at 6 P.M., in honor of Mrs. Harper Sibley, National Women's Committee Chairman, and Mr. Gerard Swope, Chairman of the National Citizens' Committee, of the 1936 Mobilization for Human Needs.

No speaking program is planned, as our honored guests will go after dinner to Masonic Auditorium, where they will participate in the great rally meeting under the joint auspices of the National Mobilization and the Community Fund.

Mr. Blossom, General Chairman, and I hope for your acceptance, which may be indicated on the enclosed reservation card.

Sincerely yours,

KS:MEM

Kenneth Sturges
General Manager.



EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CLEVELAND COMMUNITY FUND CAMPAIGN NOVEMBER 16-24, 1936

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The Community Fund is pleased to announce
as guest speaker

Mr. Gerard Swope

President, The General Electric Co.

Chairman, National Citizens' Committee of the
1936 Mobilization for Human Needs

This occasion also marks the official opening of the 1936 Mobilization

THE CLEVELAND COMMUNITY FUND
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE
EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

ON BEHALF OF
THE CAMPAIGN CABINET
MEMBERS OF DIVISION A
AND OTHER FRIENDS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1936

12:15 NOON

MID-DAY CLUB

UNION TRUST BUILDING

R. S. V. P.

1900 EUCLID AVENUE

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY FUND

CHerry 6850

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105 Services

April 1, 1937

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 1936

Attached is the financial summary of the Community Fund for the year 1936, prepared by our office. A similar statement was sent you about April 1, 1936, relating to the year 1935.

According to the figures, 1936 collections were 96.7%; the 1935 comparative was 97.5%. In 1934, 96.5%.

Total receipts of 1936 were up \$131,539.87 and total disbursements, up \$188,380.16 from comparative 1935 figures. Community Fund payments to local agencies for 1936 operations were up \$155,281.90 from 1935.

The accompanying report covers only contributions received and distributed by the Community Fund and, therefore, does not include member agencies' income from endowments, earnings or other sources, particularly County payments to hospitals.

I shall be glad to receive your questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth Sturges

General Manager.

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY FUND

1936 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts:

1935 balance, excluding impounded deposits	\$ 264,907.35	
1936 receipts on current and previous years' pledges (96.7% of \$3,097,620.04, 1935 campaign result)	2,994,951.39	
Guardian Trust Company 10% depositors' dividend	63,707.66	
Interest earnings and miscellaneous income	<u>4,285.87</u>	
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>		\$3,327,852.27

Disbursements:

For 1935 agency deficits:

Welfare Federation of Cleveland	\$ 34,237.00	
Jewish Welfare Federation	<u>4,493.00</u>	
		\$ 38,730.00
1936 payments to agencies through:		
Welfare Federation of Cleveland	\$2,543,676.00	
Jewish Welfare Federation	<u>332,834.00</u>	
(See pages 2-4)		2,876,510.00
1936 payments to national social agencies (see page 4)		24,922.50
1936 Flood Relief contribution		10,000.00
Cleveland Red Cross Chapter		
Appropriation	\$ 20,000.00	
Less balance unpaid 12/31/36	<u>14,286.00</u>	
		5,714.00
1935 campaign expense, charged to 1936		83,860.46
1936 Community Fund office expense		<u>80,048.25</u>
<u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</u>		<u>3,119,785.21</u>

Balance

\$ 208,067.06

Less appropriation balance unpaid 12/31/36

14,286.00

Net balance - December 31, 1936, excluding impounded deposits
(see below)

\$ 193,781.06

IMPOUNDED DEPOSITS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1936

Net deposits, Guardian Trust Co., as carried by Fund	\$ 441,289.88
Balance due Fund for advances to Welfare Federation, (to replace its impounded Union Trust Co. deposits), repayable by the Federation from depositors' dividends, net	<u>104,500.00</u>
	<u>\$ 545,789.88</u>

1936 COMMUNITY FUND PAYMENTS THROUGH WELFARE AND JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATIONS

TO MEMBER AGENCIES AS REPORTED BY THE FEDERATIONS TO THE FUND

(Jewish Federation item: *)

Alta Social Settlement	\$ 25,180.00
Amasa Stone House	6,214.00
Associated Charities	392,131.00
Association for Crippled & Disabled	23,609.00
Association for Hard of Hearing	3,477.00
Baptist Home	5,892.00
Booth Memorial Home & Hospital	11,100.00
Boy Scouts of America	22,412.00
Brotherhood Club	400.00
*Bureau of Jewish Social Research	500.00
Camp Fire Girls	9,518.00
*Camp Wise Association	10,000.00
Catherine Horstmann Home	5,640.00
Catholic Big Sisters	11,286.00
Catholic Charities Office	15,736.00
Central Claims Bureau	5,500.00
Central Committee on Nursing	1,546.00
Child Guidance Clinic	23,787.00
Child Health Association	14,086.22
Children's Aid Society	14,000.00
Children's Bureau	102,156.00
Children's Fresh Air Camp	17,163.00
Christian Home	9,500.00
Church Home	1,900.00
Citizens' Bureau	5,729.00
*Council of Jewish Women & Educational Alliance	38,000.00
Day Nursery Association	35,134.00
Dorcas Invalids Home	11,509.00
East End Neighborhood House	16,916.00
Eliza Jennings Home	4,456.00
Epworth Fresh Air Camp	640.00
Evangelical Deaconess Hospital	1,455.27
Fairview Park Hospital	9,655.16
Florence Crittenton Home	3,865.00
Friendly Inn	21,755.00
Girls' Bureau	34,194.12
Girl Scouts	10,595.00
Glenville Hospital	2,092.60
Goodrich Social Settlement	11,040.00
Goodwill Industries	14,445.00
Grace Hospital	1,030.67
Health Council	18,761.39
Health & Parent Education Association	10,068.00
*Hebrew Shelter Home	1,906.00
Hiram House	49,200.46
Home for Aged Colored People	4,775.00
Home of the Holy Family	10,175.00
Hospital Council	41,450.00
Humane Society	225,535.32
Huron Road Hospital	8,012.88



*Jewish Day Nursery	\$ 3,400.00
*Jewish Orphan Home	25,900.00
*Jewish Social Service Bureau	119,000.00
*Jewish Welfare Federation Office	9,480.00
Joint Psychological Service	9,968.91
Jones Home	13,865.41
Legal Aid Society	20,436.00
Lutheran Hospital	1,781.32
Mary B. Talbert Home & Hospital	12,344.00
Merrick House	23,257.00
*Montefiore Home for Aged	3,500.00
*Mount Sinai Hospital	74,000.00
Music School Settlement	13,187.00
*National Conference Dues	50.00
*National Desertion Bureau	300.00
*National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives	2,500.00
Negro Welfare Association	7,221.00
Neighborhood Association - Playhouse Settlement	21,746.76
*Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home	12,000.00
*Orthodox Old Home	12,298.00
Parmadale	89,600.00
Phillis Wheatley Association	26,193.00
The Retreat	1,203.00
Rose Mary Home	7,162.00
St. Alexis Hospital	22,031.37
St. Ann's Hospital	755.03
St. Ann's Baby House & Loretta House	52,700.00
St. Anthony's Home	11,741.00
St. John's Hospital	20,118.00
St. Joseph's Orphanage	42,338.00
St. Luke's Hospital	55,425.33
St. Vincent Charity Hospital	41,957.00
Salvation Army Relief Department and Camp	20,775.00
Sisters of the Good Shepherd	38,950.00
Social Service Clearing House	23,561.68
Society for the Blind	14,925.00
Travelers Aid Society	16,400.60
University Hospitals	183,631.80
University Nursing District	19,530.00
Visiting Nurse Association	83,309.00
*Welfare Association for Jewish Children	20,000.00
Welfare Federation Office	50,648.49
Welfare Federation - Special Purposes	7,250.00
Welfare Federation - Reserve Balance	11,131.94
Welsh Home	2,268.00
West Side Community House	19,628.00
Woman's Hospital	1,902.84
Y.M.C.A. (15 branches)	176,589.43
Y.W.C.A. (7 branches)	103,420.00
	<u>\$2,876,510.00</u>

1936 PAYMENTS TO NATIONAL SOCIAL AGENCIES

American Red Cross	\$ 312.50
American Social Hygiene Association	500.00
Boy Scouts of America	1,230.00
Camp Fire Girls	170.00
Child Welfare League of America	360.00
Community Chests and Councils, Inc.	4,250.00
Family Welfare Association	785.00
Girl Scouts	455.00
National Association for Travelers Aid and Transient Service	425.00
National Organization for Public Health Nursing	685.00
National Urban League	250.00
Ohio Institute	5,000.00
Y.M.C.A. - National and Ohio Area Councils	6,850.00
Y.W.C.A. - National Board	3,650.00
TOTAL	<u>\$24,922.50</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF 1936 COMMUNITY FUND TO WELFARE AND
JEWISH FEDERATION AGENCIES ACCORDING TO TYPES OF SERVICE

Aid to Families, Children and Homeless	\$1,041,482.63
Recreation and Neighborhood Centers	612,227.65
Free Service in Hospitals and Dispensaries	467,799.27
Care of Children in Institutions	400,617.41
Home Nursing and Health Promotion	206,474.61
Central Services and Miscellaneous	95,096.43
Homes for Aged	52,812.00
	<u>\$2,876,510.00</u>

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY FUND

Dudley S. Blossom, General Chairman
Herman R. Neff, Treasurer

Kenneth Sturges, General Manager
C. B. Beighlee, Manager, Finance Dept.

April 1, 1937

1001 HURON ROAD

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY FUND

COMMUNITY SERVICE BUILDING

CHerry 6850

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100 Services

September 20, 1937

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

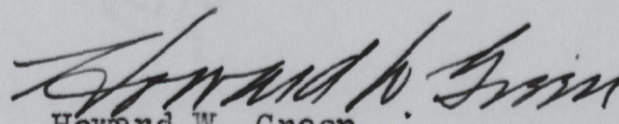
Dear Rabbi Silver:-

As you undoubtedly know the Cleveland Community Fund's nineteenth annual campaign will be held from November 15 to 23. At the present time the Radio Bureau is planning for announcements and programs from the middle of October to the close of the drive.

We are needing to have comment from Cleveland people who, by their position in the community and associations with welfare work, are especially qualified to speak in behalf of the Community Fund Campaign. This comment should be brief, possibly from fifty to sixty words. It might deal with your personal opinion about the Community Fund or with some phase of its work as you know it.

I trust that we may count on your assistance in this matter. If you desire any assistance in writing or preparation of your material I suggest that you call Mr. Neil Collins, Secretary of the Community Fund Radio Bureau at CH 6850.

Very truly yours,


Howard W. Green,
Chairman of Radio Bureau

HWG:AH

NINETEENTH ANNUAL CLEVELAND COMMUNITY FUND CAMPAIGN NOVEMBER 15-23, 1937

Ellwood H. Fisher - Campaign Chairman

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October 13, 1937

Mr. Howard W. Green, Chairman of Radio Bureau,
Cleveland Community Fund,
Community Service Building,
1001 Huron Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Green:

Please pardon the delay in answering
your letter of September 20. Somehow it escaped
my attention.

I am enclosing herewith the brief
statement which you requested to be used in
connection with the Community Fund Campaign.

With all good wishes for success,
I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

October 13, 1937

Cleveland has been a pioneer in the field of community organization for social service. Our Community Fund has been the model for similar funds throughout the nation. For nineteen years now it has served our community in normal times as well as in times of crisis and depression. Because of it, our social agencies have been enabled to carry on the work of care, relief, protection and healing among the tens of thousands of aged, orphaned and sick in our community. I know of no single agency in the life of our community which is deserving of more generous and more whole-hearted support.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

The Community Fund is pleased to announce

as guest speaker

Mr. Charles P. Taft
of Cincinnati

Chairman, National Citizens' Committee of the
1937 Community Mobilization for Human Needs

THE CLEVELAND COMMUNITY FUND
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE
NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

ON BEHALF OF
THE CAMPAIGN CABINET
MEMBERS OF DIVISION A
AND OTHER FRIENDS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1937

6:00 P. M.

MID-DAY CLUB

UNION TRUST BUILDING

INFORMAL

R. S. V. P.

E. M.
Baker

WORDS OF ACCEPTANCE BY E. M. BAKER ON RECEIVING THE

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY FUND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

CERTIFICATE AT THE COMMUNITY FUND LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 16, 1937

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It is needless to say Mr. Blossom and associates of Division A that I am deeply grateful for this honor that has come to me this day. I know of no reward that can come to one as he approaches the evening of his life that equals the assurance that he has won the respect and good will of those around him. Power, wealth, social position are as empty baubles compared to the satisfaction of having been of some service to your fellows. It is rare compensation to know that as your little boat goes down the Stream of Life you have not only pulled your own weight but have given a helping oar to a fellow human temporarily in troubled waters.

Today on all sides we are surrounded by pressure groups - those that are deeply conscious of their assumed rights and strangely innocent of their obvious duties. Their strategy and technique is to make demands and demands and demands. It is to get and not to give no matter who pays. It is my satisfaction which you members of Division A and all helpers and contributors to the Community Fund share with me, that we belong not to a pressure group but to a service group, that our dominant purpose is to give and not to get - but from that act of human sympathy and helpfulness there emerges this miracle: both as individuals and as a community we get more than we give.

I know, Mr. Chairman that this recognition has been given me today not merely as an individual but also and perhaps primarily as a representative of the Jewish Group; and may I say that in these days when my people everywhere are subjected to abuse and oppression I am proud and happy to be a member of an organization and a citizen of a city where race is regarded as a matter of accident or circumstance where religion is held to be a matter of free individual choice and where the only test of worth is decent conduct and helpfulness to the other fellow. I thank you Mr. Chairman for this testimonial. I shall deeply cherish it.

November 17, 1937

Mr. Edward M. Baker,
Union Trust Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Ed:

I was not present at the Community Fund luncheon yesterday when you were cited for distinguished service to the community. That you fully merited this honor, no one will question. It is gratifying to know that your services have been appreciated. Coming at this particular time, this civic tribute is profoundly welcomed by the Jewish community.

Your reply, which I read this morning, is a classic.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

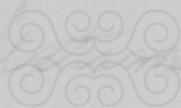
E. M. BAKER

CLEVELAND

Thursday -
dear Rabbi Silver, - your note of the
17th warmed my heart. No
word from any source could have
given me deeper satisfaction. You
with outstanding effectiveness are
devoting your life to those values,
Jewish and human, that I hold
most dear. - The P. D. account
of my brief response omitted my
final point - the point which above
all others I was eager to stress before
that particular group. I am therefore

Taking the liberty of enclosing
a complete copy. Don't bother to
acknowledge it - say in, Debbie & I love,
my profound thanks. I shall
treasure your word of approval
and encouragement along with the
community history itself -

WRHS



Cordially Y + ms,
Evan Baker.