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Community Fund statement, 1938.

It is pleasant to contemplate that the Community Chest movement in the United States, which originated in Cleveland, is now twenty-five years old. Our experiences with the Community Chest here in Cleveland have completely vindicated its soundness and its value. Through these years, many of them of a most trying character, our social agencies have not only held their own but in many instances have made marked progress. In spite of increasing reliances in recent years upon public funds to meet the relief problems created by widespread unemployment, our community has also had to rely upon its private welfare agencies to carry on the indispensable services for the physical and spiritual health of a large community. Our Community Chest has not failed these agencies. This, from all reports, is true also of all the other four hundred and fifty Community Chest cities. The contribution of the Community Chest movement to the integration of community life in the United States, the development of social responsibility, the training of lay-leaders in the field of philanthropy and the creation of a strong sense of unity among all the racial and religious groups which make up our composite American life is incalculable.

*Statement on
Community Funds May 26, 1938*