

# Guide to the Greater New Haven Coalition for People Records

MS 2007



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**TITLE:** Greater New Haven Coalition for People records

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 12.25 linear feet (23 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** The material is in English and Spanish.

**SUMMARY:** The collection comprises records of the Greater New Haven Coalition for People, a grassroots organization that advocates for lower and middle income residents of New Haven, Connecticut. Materials include correspondence, financial and fundraising records, files on topics and events that the Coalition worked on, and posters and protest signs. Materials date from 1981 to 2014. Much of the collection concerns different issues the Coalition focused on, including the removal of bus stops from the City of New Haven, medical care for the low-income and uninsured in the local hospitals, conditions of public housing, and programs like the West Rock Youth Leadership Program and Tenants Against Drugs Dammit!

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Greater New Haven Coalition for People, 2014.

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## Biographical / Historical

The Greater New Haven Coalition for People was founded in 1981 as an umbrella group of different community agencies and organizations that were concerned about the effect of budget cuts on programs in the city of New Haven, Connecticut. Soon it evolved into a grassroots organization run by a board of directors and work mainly undertaken by volunteers and some paid organizers that focused on organizing local residents. Coalition for People addresses a variety of issues that impact the low and middle income residents of New Haven, including conditions and safety of public housing, health care, public transit safety and availability, and programs for children and adolescents.

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## Scope and Contents

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## **Arrangement**

The records are arranged into the following series: I: Correspondence, 1992-2009. II: Financial and fundraising records, 1983-2011. III. Meeting agendas and minutes, 1988-2014. IV: Topical files, 1981-2010. V: Posters and protest signs, 1986-1990.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1992-2009

Series I comprises general correspondence sent by and to the Coalition for People. The major topics include the Coalition's financial difficulties in the 1990s, donations sent to the Coalition, and the resignation of a board member.

General		
b. 1, f. 1	1992 English	1992
b. 1, f. 2	1994-1996	1994-1996
b. 1, f. 3	2009 English	2009
b. 1, f. 4	Robin Latta Tweedy's letter	2004

**Series II: Financial and fundraising records, 1983-2011**

Series II contains annual and other financial reports, solicitation letters, grant descriptions and applications, and state and federal tax filings.

b. 1a, f. 1	Accounting- contractual audit	1993
	Annual reports	
b. 1a, f. 2	1993-1999	1993-1999
b. 1a, f. 3	1994-2011	1994-2011
b. 1a, f. 4	1997 English	1997
b. 1a, f. 5	1998 English	1998
b. 1a, f. 6	2000 English	2000
b. 1a, f. 7	2001 English	2001
b. 1a, f. 8	2003 English	2003
b. 1a, f. 9	2003-2004	2003-2004
b. 1a, f. 10	2013 English	2013
	Financial reports	
b. 1a, f. 11	1983-1986	1983-1986
b. 1a, f. 12	1991 English	1991
b. 1a, f. 13	1993-1994	1993-1994
b. 1a, f. 14	1994 English	1994
b. 1a, f. 15	1995 English	1995
b. 1a, f. 16	1995-2004	1995-2004
b. 1a, f. 17	1996 English	1996
b. 1a, f. 18	2013 English	2013
b. 1a, f. 19	IRS reports	2012
b. 1a, f. 20	Supplementary materials	2012

Fundraising records		
b. 2, f. 1	Fundraising letters	1996, undated
b. 2, f. 2	Fundraising letters and descriptions	Undated
Grants- general		
b. 2, f. 3	1988-1990	1988-1990
b. 2, f. 4	1996-1997	1996-1997
b. 2, f. 5	Grants- information, guidelines, letters, etc.	2002-2003
b. 2, f. 6	Grant proposals	1996-2002
Grantor lists		
b. 2, f. 7	1993-2002	1993-2002
b. 2, f. 8	1996-2002	1996-2002
b. 3, f. 1	Grants, pending	2002-2003
Ben and Jerry's Foundation		
b. 3, f. 2	1991 English	1991
b. 3, f. 3	1992 English	1992
b. 3, f. 4	1993 English	1993
b. 3, f. 5	2002 English	2002
b. 3, f. 6	Campaign for Human Development- local	1993
b. 3, f. 7	Campaign for Human Development- national	1993
b. 3, f. 8	Carolyn Foundation	1993
b. 3, f. 9	City Missionary Association	1993-1994
b. 3, f. 10	Community Training and Assistance	1993
b. 3, f. 11	Comprehensive Grant Program- annual statement submission	1993
b. 3, f. 12	Comprehensive Grant Program public hearing	1993 February 18
b. 3, f. 13	Discount Foundation	1993
b. 3, f. 14	Fairfield County non-profit loan fund	1993
b. 3, f. 15	Funding committee	1997, 2002
b. 3, f. 16	Funding committee reports	1997-2003



## Fundraising records (continued)

b. 3, f. 17	Funding Exchange	1996-1999
	Haymarket's People Fund	
b. 3, f. 18	1985-1991	1985-1991
b. 4, f. 1	1990-1991	1990-1991
b. 4, f. 2	1991 English	1991
b. 4, f. 3	1993 English	1993
b. 4, f. 4	1994 English	1994
b. 4, f. 5	1994-2002	1994-2002
b. 4, f. 6	2002-2003	2002-2003
b. 4, f. 7	Marianist Sharing Fund	1993-1994
b. 4, f. 8	Mott small grants	1992-1993
	New Haven Foundation	
b. 4, f. 9	1992 English	1992
b. 4, f. 10	1993 English	1993
b. 4, f. 11	RESIST	2003, undated
b. 4, f. 12	United Church of Christ	1993
b. 4, f. 13	United Church on the Green	1994
	Tax records	
b. 5, f. 1	Connecticut corporation taxes	2003
b. 5, f. 2	Connecticut sales tax	1995
b. 5, f. 3	Connecticut state taxes- withholding	1993
b. 5, f. 4	Connecticut tax regulations	1997-2005
b. 5, f. 5	Federal tax exempt letter	1988
b. 5, f. 6	Federal withholding tax	1996
b. 5, f. 7	Federal unemployment tax	1996
	Form 990 tax filings	
b. 5, f. 8	1986 English	1986

## Tax records &gt; Form 990 tax filings (continued)

b. 5, f. 9	1989 English	1989
b. 5, f. 10	1991 English	1991
b. 5, f. 11	1993 English	1993
b. 5, f. 12	1994 English	1994
b. 5, f. 13	1995 English	1995
b. 5, f. 14	1996 English	1996
b. 5, f. 15	1997 English	1997
b. 5, f. 16	1998 English	1998
b. 5, f. 17	1999 English	1999
b. 5, f. 18	2000 English	2000
b. 5, f. 19	2001 English	2001
b. 5, f. 20	2002 English	2002
b. 5, f. 21	2003 English	2003
b. 5, f. 22-23	2004 English	2004
b. 5, f. 24	2006 English	2006
b. 6, f. 1	2007 English	2007
b. 6, f. 2	2008 English	2008
b. 6, f. 3	2010 English	2010
b. 6, f. 4	Income tax returns	1984
b. 6, f. 5	IRS and Social Security Administration	1995

Public charities

## Tax records &gt; Public charities (continued)

b. 6, f. 6	1995 English	1995
b. 6, f. 7	1995-1996	1995-1996
b. 6, f. 8	Public charities- tax information	2004-2010
b. 6, f. 9	Tax returns	1985

**Series III: Meeting agendas and minutes, 1988-2014**

Series III contains agendas and minutes from monthly meetings, annual meetings, board meetings, and conventions. Monthly meetings focused on the financial status of Coalition for People and projects that were in progress. Annual meetings focused on projects in progress, organization structure review and work towards new projects. Board meetings focused on the budget and direction of projects for Coalition for People. Conventions focused on action sessions for such interest areas as youth empowerment, public housing issues and health care. Conventions also provided resources for the New Haven community in the same interest areas.

## General

b. 6a, f. 1	1994 English	1994
b. 6a, f. 2	1995 English	1995
b. 6a, f. 3	1996 English	1996
b. 6a, f. 4	1997 English	1997
b. 6a, f. 5	1997-2003	1997-2003
b. 6a, f. 6	1998 English	1998
b. 7, f. 1	1999-2000	1999-2000
b. 7, f. 2	2001 English	2001
b. 7, f. 3	2002 English	2002
b. 7, f. 4	2003 English	2003
b. 7, f. 5	2004 English	2004
b. 7, f. 6-7	2005 English	2005
b. 7, f. 8	2006 English	2006
b. 7, f. 9	2007 English	2007
b. 8, f. 1	2008 English	2008
b. 8, f. 2	2009 English	2009

## General (continued)

b. 8, f. 3	2010 English	2010
b. 8, f. 4	2011 English	2011
b. 8, f. 5	2012 January	2012 January
b. 8, f. 6	2012 February	2012 February
b. 8, f. 7	2012 May	2012 May
b. 8, f. 8	2012 June	2012 June
b. 8, f. 9	2012 July	2012 July
b. 8, f. 10	2012 September	2012 September
b. 8, f. 11	2012 October	2012 October
b. 8, f. 12	2012 November	2012 November
b. 8, f. 13	2012 December	2012 December
b. 8, f. 14	2013 January	2013 January
b. 8, f. 15	2013 March	2013 March
b. 8, f. 16	2013 April	2013 April
b. 8, f. 17	2013 July	2013 July
b. 8, f. 18	2013 September	2013 September
b. 8, f. 19	2013 October	2013 October
b. 8, f. 20	2013 November	2013 November
b. 8, f. 21	Re-envisioning task force	1988-1990
Annual meetings		
b. 8, f. 22	1993 English	1993
b. 8, f. 23	2000 English	2000
b. 9, f. 1	2001 English	2001
b. 9, f. 2	2002 English	2002
b. 9, f. 3	2004 English	2004
b. 9, f. 4	2010- Speaker	2010

## Annual meetings (continued)

b. 9, f. 5	2012- Attendance	2012
b. 9, f. 6	2012- Work	2012
b. 9, f. 7	2013 English	2013
b. 9, f. 8	2014 English	2014
b. 9, f. 9	Board of directors	1993
b. 9, f. 10	Board- retreat	1993
	Conventions	
b. 9, f. 11	1993 English	1993
b. 9, f. 12	1994 English	1994
b. 9, f. 13	Attendees	1991-1994

**Series IV: Topical files, 1981-2010**

Topical files cover a diverse range of subjects of interest to Coalition for People and events Coalition for People held and/or participated in. Also included with the topical files are materials related to three different major projects undertaken by the Coalition. These include stopping, then reversing the removal of bus stops by the City of New Haven after the city's agreement with the Omni Hotel; health care and health insurance initiatives to help lower income residents of New Haven; and the West Rock Youth Leadership Program, a summer program which provided children of that neighborhood classes, mentorships, and recreational opportunities.

General		
b. 9a, f. 1	1981 English	1981
b. 9a, f. 2	1982-1990	1982-1990
b. 10, f. 1	1987-1994	1987-1994
b. 10, f. 2-3	1993 English	1993
b. 10, f. 4	1996 English	1996
b. 10, f. 5	1997 English	1997
b. 10, f. 6	1998 English	1998
b. 10, f. 7	1999 English	1999
b. 10, f. 8	2003 English	2003
b. 10, f. 9-10	Undated	Undated
b. 10, f. 11	Activities	1995-2002
b. 10, f. 12	Advertisers and donors	undated
b. 10, f. 13	Advertising books	1987-1989
b. 10, f. 14	Applicants	1998, 2003
b. 10, f. 15	Assorted campaigns	Undated
Board		
b. 10, f. 16	1994-2002	1994-2002
b. 10, f. 17	Undated	Undated
b. 10, f. 18	Bus safety	2009-2010
b. 10, f. 19	By-laws	1992-1999

## General (continued)

b. 11, f. 1	Certificates	1997
b. 11, f. 2	Coalition contact lists	Undated
b. 11, f. 3	Early description of Coalition for People	1997, undated
b. 11, f. 4	Facts, miscellaneous	Undated
b. 11, f. 5	Facts and figures regarding anything and everything	1997, undated
b. 11, f. 6	Film- <i>Capitalism</i>	2009
b. 11, f. 7	Film- <i>Norma Rae</i>	2007
b. 11, f. 8	Film- <i>Salt of the Earth</i>	2004
b. 11, f. 9	Film- <i>Sicko</i>	2007
b. 11, f. 10	Fliers	Undated
b. 11, f. 11	History	1981
b. 11, f. 12	History and definitions	1995, undated
b. 11, f. 13	History/mission	1989-1994
	Housing	
b. 11, f. 14	1994 English	1994
b. 11, f. 15-16	Undated	Undated
b. 11, f. 17	Housing Authority of the City of New Haven	1994
b. 11, f. 18	Housing petitions	undated
b. 11, f. 19	Infrastructure	2004
b. 11, f. 20	Interviews	Undated
b. 11, f. 21	Job applications	2003
b. 11, f. 22-23	Labels	Undated
b. 11, f. 24	Letterhead	Undated
b. 11, f. 25	Lobbying	Undated
b. 11, f. 26	Mailings	1998, undated
b. 11, f. 27	Master list- churches	Undated
	Members	
b. 11, f. 28	1994-2002	1994-2002
b. 11, f. 29	2003, undated	2003, undated
b. 12, f. 1	Memories of beloved members	Undated



## General (continued)

b. 12, f. 2	News	1991-2002
	News articles	
b. 12, f. 3	2011 English	2011
b. 12, f. 4	2013 English	2013
b. 12, f. 5	News articles and general information	2009
b. 12, f. 6	News articles from journals	2011
	Organizing	
b. 12, f. 7	2004 English	2004
b. 12, f. 8	Undated	Undated
b. 12, f. 9	Religious coalition	1988
b. 12, f. 10	Media resources for Coalition for People	Undated
b. 12, f. 11	Staff and volunteers	1994-2003
b. 12, f. 12	Staff reports	2006
b. 12, f. 13	Stevens/St. Johns surveys	Undated
b. 12, f. 14	Training	1993
b. 12, f. 15	Training- programs and curriculums	1994-2001, undated
	Transportation	
b. 12, f. 16	2004-2009, undated	2004-2009, undated
b. 12, f. 17	2005 English	2005
b. 12, f. 18	Weekly Controller	Undated
b. 12, f. 19	Workshops	1993-1998
b. 12, f. 20	Yale Divinity School	1991
	Bus stop closures	
b. 12, f. 21	1997-2003	1997-2003
b. 13, f. 1-2	1999-circa 2005	1999-circa 2005
b. 13, f. 3	2007 English	2007
b. 13, f. 4	Aldermanic resolution	2004

## Bus stop closures (continued)

b. 13, f. 5	Code	1993, undated
b. 13, f. 6	Fliers	2000-2005
b. 13, f. 7	Fliers and articles	1996-2003
	Correspondence	
b. 13, f. 8	1997-1999	1997-1999
b. 13, f. 9	1997-2006	1997-2006
b. 13, f. 10	My ride	2002
	News clippings	
b. 13, f. 11	1997-2003	1997-2003
b. 13, f. 12	2004-2008	2004-2008
	Petitions	
b. 14, f. 1	Circa 1996-circa 2004	Circa 1996-circa 2004
b. 14, f. 2	Circa 1996, 1998-2000	Circa 1996, 1998-2000
b. 14, f. 3	Circa 1996, 1998-2007	Circa 1996, 1998-2007
b. 14, f. 4	Protest group	1997-2002
b. 14, f. 5	Transportation	1998-2004
	Health care	
b. 14, f. 6	1993-1998	1993-1998
b. 14, f. 7	1993-2007	1993-2007
b. 14, f. 8	1994-2003	1994-2003
b. 15, f. 1	1994-2005	1994-2005
b. 15, f. 2	1995-2003	1995-2003
b. 15, f. 3	1995-2005	1995-2005
b. 15, f. 4	Health action project	1995-2002
b. 15, f. 5	Aging survey	1988
b. 15, f. 6-7	Articles and fliers	1994-2003
b. 15, f. 8	Center for Medicare Advocacy	1998
b. 15, f. 9	Drug assistance	2000-2001
b. 15, f. 10	Fax to President Obama regarding single payer	2009

## Health care (continued)

b. 16, f. 1	Free care	1994-1996
b. 16, f. 2-3	Health care action project meetings	1994-2001
b. 16, f. 4	Health care for all	1996-2003
b. 16, f. 5	Third district health care for all	1995
b. 16, f. 6	Health care for uninsured	1989-1997
b. 16, f. 7	Health fair- NAACP	2002
b. 16, f. 8	HMOs	1994-1999
b. 16, f. 9	Health Security Act	1997
b. 16, f. 10	Home care	1998
b. 16, f. 11	Hospital of Saint Raphael	1976-2002
b. 16, f. 12	Hospital of Saint Raphael and Yale-New Haven Hospital	Undated
b. 16, f. 13	Legislation	1995-2010
b. 17, f. 1	Managed care- HMOs	1994-2000
b. 17, f. 2	Medicaid	1995-2000
b. 17, f. 3-4	Medicare	1995-2004
b. 17, f. 5	Petitions	Undated
b. 17, f. 6	Petitions- signed	Undated
b. 17, f. 7	Pharmaceuticals	2002-2004
b. 17, f. 8	Press conference	1994
b. 17, f. 9	<i>Real Clout</i> English	1999
b. 17, f. 10	Senior citizens	2002, undated
b. 18, f. 1	Single payer	
b. 18, f. 1	1993-2003	1993-2003
b. 18, f. 2	1993-2009	1993-2009
b. 18, f. 3	1997-2009	1997-2009
b. 18, f. 4	2001, undated	2001, undated
b. 18, f. 5	2009-2010	2009-2010
b. 18, f. 6	Social security	1998
b. 18, f. 7	Surveys	1998
b. 18, f. 8	United Seniors in Action	1999

## Health care (continued)

## Yale-New Haven Hospital

b. 18, f. 9-10	General	1993-1997
b. 18, f. 11	Beds	1993-1996
b. 18, f. 12	Complaints	1993-1998

## West Rock Youth Leadership Program

b. 19, f. 1-3	General	1994
b. 19, f. 4	Attendance	1994
b. 19, f. 5	Community event	1994
b. 19, f. 6	Consent and application forms	1994
b. 19, f. 7	House rules	1994
b. 19, f. 8	Participant list	1994
b. 19, f. 9	Placements	1994
b. 19, f. 10	Proposal	1994

## Work with other coalitions and organizations

b. 19, f. 11	Central Labor Council by-laws	Undated
b. 19, f. 12	Community Foundation New Haven	1996
b. 19, f. 13	Community Resource Committee	1990

## Community Works of Connecticut

b. 19, f. 14	1996-2000	1996-2000
b. 19, f. 15	1998 English	1998
b. 19, f. 16	1999-2003	1999-2003
b. 19, f. 17	Grassroots Community Labor Forum	1994
b. 19, f. 18	United Way	1995
b. 19, f. 19	UCAN training for staff- notes	Circa 1990

**Series V: Posters and protest signs, 1986-1990**

Series V comprises posters and protest signs for various projects and causes. They are related to bus stop removal, conditions in public housing, and Tenants Against Drugs Dammit! (TADD). There are also posters with photographs from events and conventions held by the Coalition.

b. 20, f. 1	General	Undated
b. 20, f. 2	Bus stop removal	Undated
b. 20, f. 3	Housing conditions	1986, undated
b. 20, f. 4	Posters with pictures of events	1988-1990, undated
b. 20, f. 5	Tenants Against Drugs Dammit!	Undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Community activists  
Local transit  
Medical care  
Medically uninsured persons  
Political activists  
Public housing

### **Geographic Names**

New Haven (Conn.)

### **Corporate Body**

Greater New Haven Coalition for People