Gilbert Jonas Company Records

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Collection Summary

Title: Gilbert Jonas Company Records Span Dates: 1947-1995 Bulk Dates: (bulk 1968-1995) ID No.: MSS84716 Creator: Gilbert Jonas Company Extent: 5,000 items; 14 containers plus 1 oversize; 5.6 linear feet Language: Collection material in English Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. Abstract: Public relations firm founded by Gilbert Jonas specializing in fund-raising for nonprofit organizations and civil rights and public interest causes. Direct mail campaign files, financial statements, solicitation letters, reports, correspondence, subject files, memoranda, donor lists, newspaper clippings, and printed matter.

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.

Organizations Fund for an Open Society (Philadelphia, Pa.) Gilbert Jonas Company. Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund (Organization) Northside Center for Child Development. Physicians for Social Responsibility (U.S.)

Subjects Civil rights--Societies, etc. Fund raising. Nonprofit organizations. Public interest--Societies, etc. Public relations firms.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The records of the Gilbert Jonas Company were given to the Library of Congress by Gilbert Jonas in 1999.

Related Material

Material documenting the company's relationship with the <u>National Association for the</u> <u>Advancement of Colored People</u> is located in Part VII of the records of the NAACP in the custody of the Library of Congress.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Gilbert Jonas Company is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The records of the Gilbert Jonas Company are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Gilbert Jonas Company Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the Gilbert Jonas Company span the years 1947-1995, with the bulk of the material dated 1968-1995. Founded in 1962 by Gilbert Jonas (1930-) and others, the company was for many years a principal fund raiser for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Material documenting this relationship is located in Part VII of the records of the NAACP in the custody of the Library of Congress.

The records in this collection cover the firm's fund-raising and public relations work in behalf of nonprofit, child welfare, and social action organizations other than the NAACP. Those organizations include the Fund for an Open Society (OPEN), the Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Northside Center for Child Development, and Physicians for Social Responsibility. The records are arranged alphabetically by organization or project and include direct mail campaign files, financial statements, solicitation letters, reports, correspondence, subject files, memoranda, donor lists, newspaper clippings, and printed matter.

The Fund for an Open Society was established by builder and social activist Morris Milgrim to promote racially integrated housing in the greater Philadelphia area. The Northside Center for Child Development was founded by psychologists Kenneth Bancroft Clark and his wife, Mamie Katherine Phipps Clark, to provide mental health services to children in New York City's Harlem community. The Kenneth Bancroft Clark Papers in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress also contains files related to the Northside Center.

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