

## Haverhill Community Chest Collection, 1942-2006

### Collection Summary

<b>Reference Code:</b>	MRQ, US.
<b>Repository:</b>	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
<b>Call Number:</b>	MSS 18
<b>Creator:</b>	Haverhill Public Library
<b>Title:</b>	Haverhill Community Chest Collection, 1942-2006
<b>Dates:</b>	1942-2006
<b>Size:</b>	0.417 linear feet (1 box)
<b>Language(s):</b>	Collection materials are in English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection provides a general overview of the history and activities of the Haverhill [Massachusetts] Community Chest.

### Organizational History

The Haverhill [Massachusetts] Community Chest (HCC) was founded in August 1942. Community Chests are mainly found in the United States and Canada. They were fund-raising organizations that collected money from local businesses and workers and distributed it to community projects. The purpose of the HCC was to “promote cooperation between the citizens of Haverhill and the welfare, philanthropic, benevolent, and social service agencies of the city and among the agencies themselves, also to promote the financial support of such agencies and the effective planning and execution of their programs.”

Subscriptions were made payable to the HCC, but subscribers had the right to designate the beneficiary member or members to which their subscription would go. Lee E. Hurst served as the first president; Raymond V. McNamara as vice-president and Herman E. Lewis as treasurer. Social agencies represented were: Y.M.C.A.; Y.W.C.A.; Boy Scouts, Haverhill Day Nursery, Salvation Army; Children’s Aid Society; Haverhill Council of Jewish Women; Ladies’ Helping Hand Society; and the Associated Catholic Charities. Later the HCC would also help support the Visiting Nurses Association. The Haverhill Community Chest was later renamed Red Feathers and eventually became the United Way of Haverhill. In 1970, the United Funds of Greater Haverhill, Greater Lawrence, and Greater Lowell merged to become the Merrimack Valley United Fund, Inc.

## Scope and Content Note

This collection provides a general overview of the history and activities of the Haverhill Community Chest. It has been organized into four series. Series one contains pamphlets and general information about the HCC. Series two consists of annual reports and fund raising material. Series three contains newsletters and series four contains newspaper clippings.

## Arrangement

Series 1: General Information, 1942-1951, undated

Series 2: Annual Reports and Fund Raising, 1946-1948

Series 3: News Letters, 1946-1969

Series 4: Newspaper Clippings, 1942-2006

## Administrative Information

<b>Preferred Citation:</b>	[Item Identification], Haverhill Community Chest Collection, 1942-2006, <i>Reference Code</i> , Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
<b>Custodial History:</b>	Much of the material was acquired from the creator. The Haverhill Public Library also collected materials from the creator.
<b>Acquisition Information:</b>	Unknown
<b>Processing Information:</b>	Processed by Erik R. Bauer, 2019. Updated by Tamara Gaydos, 2020.
<b>Access Rights:</b>	Collection is open for research.
<b>Phys. Access Restrictions:</b>	None.
<b>Tech. Access Restrictions:</b>	None.
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<b>Related Material:</b>	MSS 29, Haverhill Visiting Nurses Association records
<b>Separated Material:</b>	None.
<b>Conservation Notes:</b>	Newspaper clippings have been photocopied onto archival quality paper and larger newspaper clippings have been deacidified.

**Subjects:** Staples and paperclips have been removed, as needed.  
 Photographs have been preserved.  
 Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)  
 Community Chest, Haverhill (Mass.)  
 Red Feather Service  
 United Way

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: General Information, 1942-1948, undated

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Haverhill Community Chest Materials, 1942-1951	1	1
Haverhill Community War Chest, 1943	1	2
Haverhill Community War Chest Subscriber Receipt, 1943	1	3
Brief Description of 17 Services, 1948	1	4
Red Feather Pamphlets, 1948, undated	1	5

### Subseries 2: Annual Reports and Fund Raising, 1946-1948

Haverhill Community Chest Annual Report, 1946	1	6
5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Campaign Letter, 1946	1	7
Haverhill Community Chest – Campaign Letterhead, 1946	1	8
Haverhill Community Chest Annual Report, 1947	1	9
Red Feathers Campaign Bulletin, 1947	1	10
Annual Red Feather Dinner, 1947-1948	1	12
Haverhill Community Chest Annual Report, 1948	1	13
6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Campaign Poster, 1948	1	14

**Subseries 3: Newsletters, 1946-1969**

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Red Feather Reporter, 1946	1	15
Community Council of Greater Haverhill Newsletter, 1952	1	16
Community Council of Greater Haverhill Newsletter, 1953	1	17
Community Council of Greater Haverhill Newsletter, 1954	1	18
United Way Materials, 1964, 1966, 1969	1	19

**Subseries 4: Newspaper Clippings, 1942-2006**

Newspaper Clipping, 1942	1	20
Newspaper Clipping, 1943	1	21
Newspaper Clipping, 1944	1	22
Newspaper Clipping, 1945	1	23
Newspaper Clipping, 1946	1	24
Newspaper Clipping, 1948	1	25
Newspaper Clipping, 1949	1	26
Newspaper Clipping, 1950	1	27
Newspaper Clipping, 1951	1	28
Newspaper Clipping, 1952	1	29
Newspaper Clipping, 1953	1	30
Newspaper Clipping, 1953	1	31
Newspaper Clipping, 1955	1	32
Newspaper Clipping, 1956	1	33
Newspaper Clipping, 1958	1	34
Newspaper Clipping, 1960	1	35
Newspaper Clipping, 1961	1	36

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Newspaper Clipping, 1962	1	37
Newspaper Clipping, 1963	1	38
Newspaper Clipping, 1964	1	39
Newspaper Clipping, 1965	1	40
Newspaper Clipping, 1970	1	41
Newspaper Clipping, 2004	1	42
Newspaper Clipping, 2006	1	43