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**Overview of the Collection**

- Creator:** Japanese American Service Committee Administrative Assistant  
(Chicago, IL)
- Title:** Records
- Dates:** 1946-[ongoing]
- Abstract:** The Chicago Resettlers Committee/Japanese American Service Committee produced publications documenting its programs, services, and activities since its establishment in 1946. Newsletters are in English and Japanese. These records will be administered in accordance with the *JASC Legacy Center Access & Use Guidelines* provided to all researchers. Researchers assume full responsibility for following libel, privacy, and copyright laws as they may apply to use of this collection.
- Quantity:** 1 linear foot (2 boxes) [ongoing]

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**Provenance**

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## History of the JASC

The Japanese American Service Committee (JASC) is a non-profit, community-based organization providing social services and cultural and community programming. It was founded in 1946 to assist in the resettlement of over 20,000 newly arrived Japanese Americans to Chicago who had been interned in U.S. concentration camps during World War II. Originally called the Chicago Resettlers Committee (CRC), the agency sought to help Japanese American resettlers with housing, job placement, educational, medical, social service, translation, and recreational needs. At the end of the resettlement era, the agency renamed itself the Japanese American Service Committee in October 1954.

After the initial postwar period of resettlement, the JASC undertook a new priority and sought to provide comprehensive services for seniors including English language classes, employment doing piece work (called the Sheltered Workshop begun in 1960), home visitations, and healthcare programs. In addition, the JASC began coordinating community-wide programs and cultural events such as arts and music programs, lectures, festivals, and special celebrations. Eventually the JASC expanded their activities to include other social services such as individual and family counseling, a nutrition program, meals on wheels, adult day services, and household care and general assistance for seniors. The agency constructed a 200-unit home for seniors in 1980 called Heiwa Terrace (920 W. Lawrence in Chicago) and a 180-bed skilled nursing care facility in 1993 called Keiro Extended Care Center (3919 W. Foster in Chicago). This nursing care facility is now called Harmony Nursing Home.

The JASC has been a center of the Japanese American community in Chicago since its founding. As a Japanese American social service agency, the JASC has been keenly aware of the important role it can and should play in preserving, promoting, and passing on Japanese and Japanese American traditions, history, culture, and arts. The agency has made that heritage an integral part of its programming and services.

Currently the JASC serves the Japanese American community in the Chicago metropolitan area as well as various parts of the Midwest. The JASC distinguishes itself by being the only Japanese American social service organization in the Midwest, but it has also grown into a community center used by many other Japanese American and Asian American organizations to hold meetings and events. The primary population the agency serves is Japanese American, but through its various social service programs, the JASC serves a diverse group of people regardless of age, race, gender, religion, sexual orientation or disability.

Today the JASC runs a wide variety of programs including Adult Day Services; Casework & Counseling; Home Support Services; educational workshops on topics such as health insurance, social security, senior driver's education, and estate planning; health screening and flu shot clinics; arts and cultural classes such as ceramics, ikebana (flower-arranging), origami, and tai chi; Japanese American community events and festivals; and the Legacy Center (an archive and library). The JASC also serves as

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a meeting place for many community groups such as the Tohkon Judo Academy, Tampopo-kai (pre-school), Northside Friends (Quakers), Asian American Law Enforcement Association, Angel Island Theatre Company, Chicago Nisei Post (veterans), New Horizons (a senior singles group), Nisei Minyo Dance Group, Ukulele Club, and the Quilting Club. The JASC is a partner with other groups in programs such as the Lunar New Year celebration, a citywide Japanese American community picnic, periodic Intergenerational Dialog programs, and the annual Day of Remembrance event honoring the U.S. Presidential signing of Executive Order 9066 (authorizing the internment of Japanese Americans). Today the JASC extends its services not only to Chicago' s Japanese American population, but also other Asian American groups and seniors.

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**Scope and Contents Note**

The Chicago Resettlers Committee/Japanese American Service Committee produced publications documenting its programs, services, and activities since its establishment in 1946.

Some volumes in newsletter series are misnumbered. Corrected volume numbers appear in this container list in brackets [ ]. Newsletters are in English and Japanese.

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**Series 1: Annual Reports**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	1946
1	1947
1	1948
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1	1950
1	1951
1	1953
1	1973-1974
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1	2001-2002

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**Series 2: Newsletters**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	2	1	June 1969
1	3	1	May 1970
1	3	2	July 1970
1	3	3	September 1970
1	3	4	December 1970
1	4	1	February 1971
1	4	2	May 1971
1	4	3	October 1971
1	5	1	March 1972
1	5	2	November 1972
1	6	1	May 1973
1	6	2	July 1973
1	6	3	October 1973
1	7	1	January 1974
1	7	2	May 1974
1	7	3	August 1974
1	7	4	November 1974
1	8	1	March 1975
1	8	2	August 1975
1	8	3	November 1975
1	9	1	February 1976
1	9	2	May 1976
1	9	3	August 1976
1	9	4	November 1976
1	10	1	March 1977
1	10	2	May 1977
1	10	3	September 1977
1	10	4	December 1977
1	11	1	March 1978
1	11	2	May 1978
1	11	3	August 1978
1	11	4	December 1978
1	12	1	April 1979
1	12	2	August 1979
1	13	1	February 1980
1	13	2	June 1980
1	13	3	September 1980
1	14	1	February 1981
1	14	2	June 1981
1	14	3	September 1981
1	15	1	February 1982
1	15	2	May 1982

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<b>Box</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	15	3	September 1982
1	16	1	January 1983
1	16	2	May 1983
1	16	3	September 1983
1	17	1	January 1984
1	18 [17]	2	May 1984
1	18 [17]	3	September 1984
1	18	1	First quarter 1985
1	18	2	Second-third quarters 1985
1	19	1	Spring 1986
1	19	2	Summer-Fall 1986
1	20	1	January 1987
1	20	2	Spring 1987
1	21	1	Spring 1988
1	22	2	Summer-Fall 1988
1	22	3	Winter 1988-1989
1	23	2	July 1989
1	23	3	December 1989
1	24	1	February 1990
1	24	2	June 1990
1	23 [24]	3	September 1990
1	24	4	December 1990
1	25	1	April 1991
1	25	2	July 1991
1	25	3	October 1991
1	25	4	December 1991
1	26	1	April 1992
1	26	2	July 1992
1	26	3	October 1992
1	25 [26]	4	December 1992
1	26 [26A]	1	April 1993
1	26 [26A]	2	July 1993
1	26 [26A]	3	October 1993
1	26 [26A]	4	December 1993
1	27	1	April 1994
1	27	2	July 1994
1	27	3	October 1994
1	28	1	January 1995
1	28	2	September 1995
1	28	3	November 1995
1	29	1	March 1996
1	29	2	May 1996

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1	29	3	September 1996
1	30	1	January 1997
1	30	2	May 1997
1	30	3	October 1997
1	31	1	January 1998
1	31	2	April 1998
1	31	3	July 1998
1	31	4	October 1998
1	32	1	January 1999
1	32	2	April 1999
1	32	3	Fall 1999
1	32	4	Winter 1999
1	33	1	Spring 2000
1	33	2	Summer 2000
1	33	3	Fall 2000
1	33	4	Winter 2000
1	34	1	Spring 2001
1	34	2	Summer 2001
1	34	3	Fall 2001
1	34	4	Winter 2001
1	35	1	Spring 2002
1	35	2	Summer 2002
1	35	3	Fall 2002
1	35	4	Winter 2002
1	36	1	Spring 2003
1	36	2	Summer 2003
1	36	3	Fall 2003