

DeKalb History Center

DeKalb County Board of Health/DeKalb Public Health

Scope and content: The DeKalb County Board of Health/ DeKalb Public Health collection consists mainly of photos, employee newsletters, news articles, and scrapbooks, ranging from the 1930s to the year 2000. The bulk of the collection is photos and the most of those are from the 1990s or otherwise undated. There are films and slides as well.

Provenance: Gift of DeKalb County Board of Health, 2019 (Accession # 2019.35; DeKalb Public Health, 2025.27)

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Description of specific item; **DeKalb County Board of Health/DeKalb Public Health, DeKalb History Center Archives.**

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Size: 20 boxes

Biographical Sketch of DeKalb Board of Health: The DeKalb County Board of Health was formed in 1924, with one health officer, a school nurse, a maternal health nurse, and a clerk. It was located in an old house on Ponce de Leon Avenue in Decatur. A new facility in Decatur was completed in the 1950s, with health centers in Doraville, Lynwood Park, Brookhaven, and Scottdale. Services provided included dental work, a school health program, and insect control. DeKalb County was the first county in Georgia with a fluoridated public water supply. In the 1960s, there were 136 employees. By the 1990s, there were many more services under the umbrella of the DeKalb Board of Health. In 2000, the Board of Health had slightly over 500 employees. And in 2020, the DeKalb Board of Health was on the frontlines of COVID-19 care for its citizens. In 2024, the department was rebranded as DeKalb Public Health.

Description: The Board of Health/DeKalb Public Health collection consists mainly of photos and scrapbooks from the 1930s to the year 2000. Photos came in drugstore envelopes/bags, some with labels and information, some without. Label identification was retained on the folders during processing. Where there was no information given, we gave the label "unidentified". Some of the unidentified were later identified by Board of Health staff members (2024). There are films and slides, as well as some news articles and newsletters. Where glue or tape has eroded in scrapbooks, items were removed and housed separately in folders.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entry: DeKalb Board of Health

Subject/Added Entries: Health
 Safe Kids
 Breast Health Month
 Bill Campbell, Atlanta Mayor
 Cynthia McKinney
 Rosalyn Carter
 Manuel Maloof
 Atlanta Braves
 Liane Levitan
 Immunization
 Volunteer
 AIDS
 Mobile x-ray lab
 Smoking
 Diabetes
 Fluoridation of water, 1950s

Folder List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
1	1	Photo books	
	2	Photos	1960-1961
	3	Photos	1972
	4	Photos- America in Concert	
	5	Photos- American Diabetes Association	March 10, 2000
	6	Photos- Anthony "Tony" Munroe	
	7	Photos- Board members	
	8	Photos- Board of Health staff retreat	June 2001
	9	Photos- Blood analysis	
	10	Photos- Breast cancer awareness kick off	October 1997
	11	Photos- Breast Health Month	October 20, 1994
	12	Photos- Celebrity Grocery Bagging Day	
	13	Photos- Central Open House	
	14	Photos- CEO Candidates Forum	1992
	15	Photos- Chinese delegation	October 1996
	16	Photos- Community	1934-1962
	17	Photos- Community	1934-1962
	18	Photos- Community, Kirkwood Kids are Special	

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
2	1	Photos- Community, Mother of the Year with March of Dimes	
	2	Photos- Community, Occupational Health Screening for DeKalb Fire	
	3	Photos- Community, Outdoor event	
	4	Photos- Community, Pregnancy-related Services (PRS)	
	5	Photos- Community, Public event, unidentified	
	6	Photos- Community, Public event, unidentified	
	7	Photos- Community, Public event, unidentified	
	8	Photos- Community, Public event, unidentified	
	9	Photos- Community, Public event, unidentified	
	10	Photos- Community, Public event, unidentified	
	11	Photos- Community, Store event	
	12	Photos- Community, Unidentified, undated	

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3	1	Photos- Community, Wellness on Wheels + Colgate	
	2	Photos- Community, Women, Infants, Children (WIC), Children	
	3	Photos- Council for Healthy DeKalb 1st	
	4	Photos- Cynthia McKinney event	
	5	Photos- Dialogue on Social Security	
	6	Photos- Doraville center	
	7	Photos- Dr Lai swearing in	
	8	Photos- East DeKalb Grand Opening /Open House August 1997	
	9	Photos- EH interns	
	10	Photos- Facilities, General	
	11	Photos- framed	
	12	Photos- Ghost Out Day	1994
	13	Photos- HHS Visit Board Meeting	9/97
	14	Photos- Health centers	
	15	Photos- Health department facilities	June/July 1995
	16	Photos- Health event	April 2, 1994
	17	Photos- Hope for Kids check, Board of Health/Grady Patient Appreciation, Stephenson High AIDS forum	Oct/Nov 1997
	18	Photos- Imen Rush, Elsa Torres	9/96
	19	Photos- North DeKalb Ground breaking	August 15, 1997

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
4	1	Photos- Oakhurst partnership	September 1996
	2	Photos- Patient Appreciation Day, DeKalb Atlanta Health Center	
	3	Photos- Public event	September 2001
	4	Photos- Rosalynn Carter and immunizations	
	5	Photos- Russia visitors	11/96
	6	Photos- Safe Kids event	
	7	Photos- Safe Kids grant at Economic Opportunity Authority	
	8	Photos- Safe Kids of DeKalb Road Block	May 19, 1997
	8	Photos- Staff, identified, Vickie + Thomya	March 1997
	10	Photos- Staff, identified	
	11	Photos- Staff, identified	September 1994
	12	Photos- Staff, identified	October 1994
	13	Photos- Staff, unidentified	
	14	Photos- Staff, unidentified	

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
5	1	Photos- Unidentified group	
	2	Photos- Unidentified	
	2	Photos- Visitors from China	
	3	Photos- Volunteer recognition	April 1992
	4	Photos- Volunteer recognition	April 1993
	5	Photos- Volunteer recognition	April 20, 1994
	6	Photos- Volunteer recognition	April 1995
	7	Photos- Volunteer recognition	April 23, 1996
	8	Photos- Volunteer recognition	April 14, 1998

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Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
6		Photo negatives	

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
7		News Releases	January 2002
		News Releases	February 2002
		News Releases	March 2002
		News Releases	April 2002
		News Releases	May 2002
		News Releases	June 2002
		News Releases	July 2002
		News Releases	August 2002

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Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
7		News Releases	November 2002
		News Releases	December 2002
		News Releases	January 2003
		News Releases	February 2003
		News Releases	March 2003
		News Releases	April 2003
		News Releases	May 2003
		News Releases	June 2003
		News Releases	July 2003
		News Releases	August 2003
8		News Releases	September 2003
		News Releases	October 2003
		News Releases	November 2003
		News Releases	December 2003
		News Releases	January 2004
		News Releases	February 2004
		News Releases	March 2004
		News Releases	April 2004
		News Releases	May 2004
		News Releases	June 2004
		News Releases	July 2004
		News Releases	August 2004
		News Releases	September 2004
		News Releases	October 2004
		News Releases	November 2004
		News Releases	December 2004
		<u>Employee newsletters</u>	
		DeKalb County Board of Health News	Summer 1992
			Spring 1993
		DeKalb County Health Department newsletter	
			Spring 1978-
			September 1983
		Health Highlights newsletter	August 1976
			September 1976
		The Bulletin Board newsletter	September 1993-
			July 2006

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9		Scrapbook/Photo albums	December 1986
10		Scrapbook/Photo albums	no date
11		Scrapbook/Photo albums	1960s, 1970s
12		Scrapbook/Photo albums	1960-65
		Scrapbook-Health Facilities	November 3, 1992
		Bond Referendum	
13		Scrapbook/Photo albums	1950s, 1960s
14		Scrapbook/Photo albums	1980s, 1990s
15		Scrapbook/Photo albums	1980s, 1990s
16		Scrapbook	1950-1959

Memory Book 1968-1976
other boxes- slides, film, other media