

COMMUNITY CHEST AND UNITED FUND HISTORY

August 4, 1965

The Articles of Association of the Community Chest of Concord were filed with the Secretary of State on March 30, 1927. The incorporators were Frank J. Sulloway, George A. Ledward, A. F. Garey, James W. Jameson, J. E. Ingersoll, Miss E. Gertrude Dickerman, Mrs. Charles (Mary) Jackman, and George A. Winsor, all of Concord.

The first officers were: President, Frank J. Sulloway; Secretary, Richard T. Smith; and Treasurer, Edward S. Willis.

Though the early records are unclear, it appears that the agencies included in the first campaign were the Concord YMCA, the N. H. YMCA, District Nursing Association, Girls' Friendly Club, American Red Cross, Camp Spaulding, and the Charity Organization Society. The latter would later become the Family Welfare Society and then Family Service.

The goal of the first campaign was \$35,000 but no records show the amount raised. In 1929 the goal was \$29,000 and \$33,084 were raised.

By 1937 the Boy and Girl Scouts and the Salvation Army had become member agencies but the N. H. YMCA was no longer a member. Red Cross withdrew from the Chest in the early 1940's and was re-admitted in 1959 with the change from a Community Chest to a United Fund. The YWCA was a member agency from the early 1940's to 1960.

During the Community Chest years the amount raised increased at a steady pace to \$75,335 in 1958.

The first United Fund campaign was held in October of 1959, though the Articles of Association were not filed until December 21, 1960, and the By-Laws approved on March 8, 1961, under President Dean P. Williamson.

Allen R. Wiren served as Campaign Chairman for the 1959 campaign with \$106,364 raised on a goal of \$106,000.

On January 23, 1964, Mrs. Ellsworth (Ruth) Tracy became the first woman President of either the Community Chest or United Fund and is currently holding the same office.

The present participating member agencies are the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Family Service, Friendly Club, Girl Scouts, Penacook Youth Center, Salvation Army, Spaulding Youth Center, SPCA, Visiting Nurse Association, and Concord YMCA. In 1964 \$131,441 were raised on a goal of \$129,190. The goal for the 1965 campaign is \$132,845. Timothy W. Woodman was Campaign Chairman in 1964, and Malcolm McLane is serving in that capacity in 1965.