



**Cape Girardeau County Society for Crippled Children and Adults,
Inc. Records
(R1413)**

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Collection Title: Cape Girardeau County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. Records

Dates: 1937-1989

Creator: Cape Girardeau County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc.

Abstract: These are the records for the Cape Girardeau County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. a location of the National Easter Seal Society originally known as the National Society for Crippled Children.

Collection Size: 1 cubic foot
(15 folders, 1 volume)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

The Cape Girardeau County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. was first proposed in 1955, by January 1959, the organization had served 1,293 people. The Missouri Easter Seal Society initially established the Cape Girardeau location to serve seven southeastern counties with the intent to expand their reach to a total of 20 counties in southeastern Missouri and southwestern Illinois. The rehabilitation center, as with others in the organization, served children and adults who suffered from a variety of handicaps geared mostly toward those that affected mobility including polio survivors, cerebral palsy, speech impairments, severe arthritis, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, and major amputations. The center provided therapy, rehabilitation, and taught patients to live and work independently with their handicap.

Initially known as the National Society for Crippled Children, Edgar Allen founded the organization now known as Easterseals, in 1919. In 1934, the organization launched its Easter 'seals' campaign to raise money. To show support, donors placed the seals on envelopes and letters. In 1945, the organization expanded to include adults in reaction to the return of wounded WWII veterans. The Easter 'seal' was so well recognized by 1967, that the organization changed its name to Easter Seals.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following five series:

- Business Records
- Meeting Minutes
- Awards
- Blueprints
- Scrapbooks

Scope and Content Note:

Business Records

This series contains materials related to the operation of the Cape Girardeau County Society for Crippled Children, Inc. This include business reports, articles of incorporation, building plans for a new building, promotional materials, and background information on the need for and establishment of the Cape Girardeau rehabilitation center. The building blueprints for the new building for the Cape Girardeau County Society for Crippled Children and Adults Center are in folder 12 and are oversize.

Meeting Minutes

This series consists of materials pertaining to meetings held by the Society's board of directors. These notes include operational information, fundraising through the Easter Seal campaign, reports on the rehabilitation center operations, and community involvement.

Awards

This series contains plaques received by Easter Seal locations for the Per Capita Honor Society.

Blueprints

The building blueprints for the new building for the Missouri Society for Crippled Children and Adults Southeast Region from 1974 located in Cape Girardeau are oversize.

Scrapbooks

This series contains a scrapbook documenting the operations of the rehabilitation program of the Cape Girardeau County Society for Crippled Children and Adults from 1957 to 1970. Included are newspaper articles and photographs dealing with staff, patients, and supporters of the rehabilitation program.

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