

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Occupational Development Center (ODC) Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1966-2009
RESTRICTIONS:	None
PROVENANCE:	Donation from Ruth Cobb
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Past Perfect #2025.0004

## Brief History

The Occupational Development Center (ODC) provided employment and training for individuals with disabilities or vocational barriers and was incorporated as a non-profit sheltered workshop in 1965. Originally known as McLean County Workshop, the operation became a United Way agency in 1966, and by 1967 had a board of directors and two staff members. In 1969, the board of directors changed the name to The Occupational Development Center. ODC ceased operations and services on August 1, 2009, due to reduced state budget funding.

## Scope

The collection includes pamphlets, annual reports, award banquet programs, fundraiser programs, and news articles.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: General

- 1.1 "History of ODC," 3 pp., circa 1999.
- 1.2 Card, "A little history ..." with handwritten note, "updated-2000."
- 1.3 Four Pamphlets (ODC Works for Business, ODC Works for People, Job Connection, General Pamphlet)

### Folder 2: Annual Reports and Award Banquets

- 2.1 2002 Annual Report
- 2.2 2001 Annual Report
- 2.3 1999 (Special Edition) Annual Report
- 2.4 1994 Annual Report
- 2.5 2000 Annual Awards Banquet Program
- 2.6 2002 Annual Awards Banquet Program

### Folder 3: Fundraising Events, Programs, Advertisements, Pictures, etc.

- 3.1 Taste of the Twin Cities (2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004)

### Folder 4: Newsletters

- 4.1 Nine (9) *ODC Works for the Community* newsletters dated between August 1999 and January 2003

### Folder 5: Newspaper and Other Articles (*Pantagraph*, unless noted)

- 5.1 "Take This Job and Shove it.....To ODC" by Sheri Brownfield, *Business to Business*, Feb 1992, pp 20-22.
- 5.2 "ODC Recognized by IDOT for Excellent Service," *Business to Business*, August 2022, pp. 26.
- 5.3 Picture from Funks Grove Rest Area where ODC honored for outstanding service, May 2022.

- 5.4 “Township Grant to Local Agency Helps People Find Work” by Ruth Cobb, *Township Perspective*, Feb 2003, pp. 36-37.
- 5.5 “Job Training Agency Plans to Cut Costs,” May 5, 2000.
- 5.6 “ODC Honors Supporters,” Nov 2, 2001.
- 5.7 “Center Helps Workers Focus,” Oct 6, 2003
- 5.8 “Double Cut? Planned Reductions to Human Services Programs May Hit Disabled Twice,” June 20, 2009.
- 5.9 “ODC Faces Dire Straits,” June 25, 2009.
- 5.10 “On Borrowed Time,” July 1, 2009.
- 5.11 “No Plan, No Solution,” July 23, 2009.
- 5.12 “ODC Works” advertisement, *Business to Business*, August 2002.

**Folder 6:     Miscellaneous**

- 6.1 Gift agreement, Ruth Cobb, Bloomington, #24-11-13, November 26, 2024.
- 6.2 “No Two Snowflakes are Alike,” holiday card from ODC, not dated.