

Action Together records

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Action Together.
Title:	Action Together records
Dates:	1981-1986
Extent:	0.2 cubic feet (6 folders, 1 scrapbook)
Identification:	MS 1489

Biographical/Historical Note

Action Together, or ACT, was a network of Chatham County women's groups from its inception in 1978 through the late 1980s. Its purpose was to draw attention to customs and laws detrimental to women. Groups that were involved included the American Association of University Women, the Oglethorpe Business and Professional Women, the League of Women Voters, the Rape Crisis Center, the Council on Jewish Women, the Port City Business Women's Club, the Junior League of Savannah, and the National Organization for Women. In the early 1980s, ACT worked toward the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, including the 1981 event Women's Equality Day. In 1983, they focused on the Take Back the Night march in support of rape victims. 1984's main project was a voter education campaign. In 1985, they pushed for more female participation on Chatham County government committees. The main project for 1986 was a one-day conference at Armstrong State College called the Women's Fair.

Scope and Content Note

The collection is chronologically organized into 6 folders (1981, 1983-1986 and a miscellaneous folder). The 1981 documents center on the organization's 1981 event, Women's Equality Day. The 1983 folder includes meeting agendas and minutes, covering the Take Back the Night march, female involvement in local government, and creating a Women's Platform for the 1984 elections. The 1984 meeting minutes and correspondence focus on the Women's Platform project and a voter education campaign. The 1985 minutes address the group's push to have more women included in local politics. The Women's Fair was the group's predominant project in 1986. There is a miscellaneous folder that contains the 1982 Directory of Organizations and Civic Groups of Women, created by Action Together, and the 1983 Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce Civic Groups and Organizations Directory. Other than the directory, there are no ACT documents from 1982. There is also a scrapbook that focuses on the 1981 event, Women's Equality Day. This includes general information about ACT, copies of correspondence relating to Women's Equality Day, news articles about the event, plans for the rally, proclamations from Chatham County and the City of Savannah, and photographs of the event.

Index Terms

Action Together (Savannah, Ga.)
Agendas (administrative records)
Ainsworth, Shelly, active 1986.
American Association of University Women. Savannah Branch.
Brown, Virginia, active 1981.
Clippings (information artifacts)
Council of Jewish Women (U.S.)
Directories.
Junior League of Savannah.
League of Women Voters of Savannah-Chatham (Ga.)
Lentini, Harris K., active 1981.
Letters (correspondence)
Miller, Barbara, active 1984.
Minutes (administrative records)

National Organization for Women. Savannah Chapter.
Oglethorpe Business and Professional Women (Savannah, Ga.)
Photographs.
Port City Business Women's Club (Savannah, Ga.)
Proclamations.
Rape Crisis Center (Savannah, Ga.)
Scrapbooks.
Stafford, Julie, active 1981.
Take Back the Night (Organization)
Women in politics--Georgia--Savannah.
Women--Georgia--Savannah.
Women--Societies and clubs.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Unknown.

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Container List

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1 Women's Equality Day Correspondence and Documents, 1981

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2 Minutes, Take Back the Night and Women's Platform, 1983

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3 Minutes and Correspondence, Voter Education, 1984

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4 Minutes and Correspondence, Female Political Representation, 1985

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5 Minutes, Women's Fair, 1986

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6 Miscellaneous, Directories, 1982-1983