

## Volunteers of America North Louisiana

### Biographical Description

The Volunteers of America was founded in 1896 by social reformers Ballington and Maud Booth, as a movement dedicated to uplifting the American people.

Volunteers would commit to the mission of bringing food, medicine and comfort to people not served by other charities.

The Volunteers of American North Louisiana was established in 1935 with a maternity home in Shreveport. Over the years, VOA-NL created thousands of loving families through adoption. As community needs changed, VOA-NL responded with a range of services. In the 1970s, VOA-NL was among the first to open group homes for people with disabilities. In 1986, they opened an office in Alexandria. A few years later in 1989, they acquired the LightHouse, a community center in downtown Shreveport. Their most recent effort is serving those who served us, the veterans. In April 2010, VOA-NL opened a 56-bed transitional home for homeless veterans.

Today the VOA-NL reaches over 8,000 people a year by providing affordable senior housing, residential support for individuals with intellectual, mental and physical disabilities, services for children and families. VOA is a faith-based organization. Although founded on Christianity, the ministry brings all people of all faiths together in service.

# **Volunteers of America North Louisiana, 1935-2016**

## Scope and Content

The Volunteers of America North Louisiana Collection has three major categories of material. The first is the large array of donor compiled binders and scrapbooks, which contain newspaper clippings, programs, resumes, publications, and financial development. The second are the boxes of the history, policies, and procedures, minutes and programs of the internal workings of the VOANL. The large media section follows with the photographs, VHS tapes, and DVDs of thousands of images of children and volunteers.

## Series Description

Series I: The forty binders and scrapbooks from 1935-2016 contain articles about the VOANL, staff members, programs and publications and fundraisers.

Series II: The history, policy and minutes of the VOANL follow.

Series III: Programs, goals and evaluations are alphabetized by program.

Series IV: Grants and scholarships are alphabetized. Important people of the VOA are Maud Booth, founder, and Donald Webb supporter and friend of the local VOANL. Their publications are contained.

Series V: Media consists of photographs and VHS tapes and DVDs. 1960s-2016

Series VI: Architectural drawings of some VOA offices and housing. 1991-2013

## Binders/Scrapbooks/ on Shelf:

**Binder: Volunteers of America - general information** about the organization and summary of programs

**Scrapbooks** containing newspaper clippings, some fliers and programs:

1935-1980	2004-2005	2014
1980-1988	2006	2015
1989	2007	2016
1990-1992	2008	
	2009	
1992-1995	2009-2014	
1994-1995	2010	
1995	2011	
1996-1997	2012	
1998-1999	2013	

**Binder: Staff** – Staff members of the Lighthouse and other VOA divisions, including: Ron Anderson, James Bell, Lisa Brandeburg, Mary Ellen Brown, Monica Charles, Tella Henderson, Michael Jackson, Brandy McNeill, Chuck Meehan, Paige Metzgar, Dottie Ruesch, and Sondra Dixon, from 1989-2006

Some resumes and newspaper clippings included

**Binders, Vol. 1-4: People & Programs** contain many articles, programs, and pictures of people the VOA have served and who have been successful.

**Binder: Volunteers of American – Highland Center – Meals on Wheels,** 2013-2014

## Publications

**Binders 1-3:** *Shining on the Lighthouse* newsletter from 1995-2013 (local)

**Binder:** *Pathways* VOA of North and Central Louisiana from 2000-2008 (incomplete); *Southfield Forum-Volunteers Times* 1995-1999 (incomplete)

**Binder:** *Spirit* – Magazine of VOA (national) 2005-2006

*The Gazette* – newsletter of VOA (national) 2005-2007

## Financial Development

**Binders 1-2:** Lisa Brandenburg's fundraising for 1986, includes churches, businesses and individuals

**Binder 1:** Three's Caring Gifts: Channel 3 partnered with VOA to solicit funds for VOA. 1989

**Binder 2:** Three's Caring Gifts: 1990-1991

**Binder:** Christmas and Easter Appeal Letters from Rachel Sparks, 1960-1990 and newsletters from 1984-1993

*VOA Views* of the Volunteers of America of North Louisiana

## History/Policies/Procedures/General Information

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Chronology and history of VOA History of LightHouse	
1	2	News clip of opening in Shreveport Report by Capt. Judith Jett, Director from 1935-1965	1934 1965
1	3	Lists: Board presidents and chairs	1964-2005

1 4 Interviews with Sam Peters, Richard Griffith, Curt McClure, Gene Richardson, Gloria Sartor, Tom Ruffin, Stanton “Buddy” Neal, Robert Haacker, P. Murff O’Neal Jr., Albert Sklar, John Porter, Frank Kennedy, and Merritt Chastain 1993-1995

1 5 VOA-NL – services, programs and resources

1 6 Maternity Home – policies, procedures 1982

1 7 Volunteers – polices, procedures 1999

1 8 LightHouse - Information, policy, mission 2015

1 9 LightHouse – collaborations 1999-2004

## **Staff/Minutes**

2 10 LightHouse – staff list 1989-2008

2 11 Staff resumes

2 12 Ron Anderson 1997

2 13 Sondra Dixon 2006

2 14 Tella Miles Henderson 2010

2 15 Dewanna Lovelace 2002

2 16 Chuck Meehan 2008

2	17	Staff recommendations, awards	1995-2000
3	18	LightHouse – Staff Meetings Minutes	1991-1993
3	19	LightHouse – Staff Meetings Minutes	1994-1999
3	20	LightHouse – Staff Meetings Minutes	2000
3	21	LightHouse – Staff Meetings Minutes	2001-2002
3	22	LightHouse – Staff Meetings Minutes	2003-2006
3	23	LightHouse - Staff Meetings Minutes	2009
3	24	LightHouse – Staff Meetings Minutes	2012
3	25	LightHouse Program Comm. Meetings Minute	1991-94
3	26	LightHouse Program Comm. Meetings Minutes	1994-1995
3	27	LightHouse Program Comm. Meetings Minutes	1995-6
3	28	LightHouse Program Comm. Meetings Minute	1997-2002
3	29	CFS Staff Meetings Minutes	2005-2009
3	30	CFS Staff Meetings Minutes	2012-2016

## Programs/Goals/Objectives

4	31	Programs and Services – descriptions	
4	32	Program profiles	
4	33	LH – After School	2000-2001
4	34	LH-After School Learning Club	1992-1993
4	35	LH-Basic Ed Program –Student meeting minutes	1992-1993
4	36	Behavior Management - training synopsis	
4	37	LH-FOCUS – description	
4	38	LH- MAINS	
4	39	LH-Minden Expansion	1997-1998
4	40	LH-Preschool Program-contract, polices, reports	1994-1996;2001-2002
4	41	LH-Priorities First – proposal	2001
4	42	LH-Project Findwork	1998
4	43	Project Hope –Pre-vocational Training Program	1991
4	44	LH-Project Independence	1993
4	45	Thresholds –overview	



4	46	LH-Webb Youth Academy	2012-2013
4	47	LH-Work Study Program	2001
4	48	Youth Challenge	1999
5	49	Strategic Plans	2001-2002 2005-2007
5	50	Review of Goals and Objectives	1993, 1996, 2000
5	51	Statistics, Outcomes, Goals	1991, 1996
5	52	Statistics, Outcomes, Goals	1996-1997
5	53	Statistics, Outcomes, Goals	1997-1998; 1999-2000; 2007

## **Grants/Proposals/Applications**

6	54	Charles T. Beaird Foundation – Support of LH Services	1992-1997
6	55	CDGB Application	2002-2003
6	56	Community Foundation-LH Programs	1997-2002
6	57	Frost Foundation –Project HOPE	1997
6	58	Frost Foundation –Mentoring, Leadership Program	2000-2003
6	59	Gannett Foundation Evaluation of LH After School Program	2003
6	60	Governor’s Office of Urban Development Grant	2000-2001
6	61	GPOA-LH Pinnacle Program-Quarterly Reports	1998-1999

6	62	JTPA Proposal	1998-1999
7	63	Louisiana Children's Trust Fund – LH Programs	2000
7	64	Louisiana Department of Corrections-Youth Services	2002
7	65	Jerry & Frank Moore Foundation-LightHouse	2001
7	66	Operation Weed & Seed- Program for Highland Youth	1996
7	67	Philip Morris (proposal)-Positive Youth Development	2000
7	68	Leonard & Betty Phillips Foundation – LH Program	2000
7	69	Powers Foundation-Adoption and LH	2000
7	70	Public Welfare Foundation-Male Validation Program	2000
7	71	Rotary Club of Shreveport-Youth Leadership Academy	1998-03
7	72	SRAC-Re-grant Program	1999
7	73	Thomas Fund (1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church)	1998
7	74	Welfare to Work (proposal)	1998-1999
7	75	Workforce Investment Act (WIA)	2000-2001

## **Scholarships**

8	76	Community Scholarship Fund-Articles of Incorporation By-Laws	1992
8	77	Community Scholarship Fund-Minutes	1992-1996
8	78	Scholarship recipients –list	1990-2008

8	79	Analysis of Awards	1992-1998
8	80-83	Success stories	1995-2006

### **Other material/samplings of poems/thank you letters/Cookbook/calls for assistance/blank forms**

9	84	Samplings: essays and poems by LH children	1993; u.d.
9	85	Calls for assistance	1998-2008
9	86	Thank you letters: by Ron Anderson, Tella Henderson	2000-05
9	87	Thank you for donations	2004-2005
9	88	Blank forms	
9	89	Cookbook: 'Recipes from Mama'	1988

### **Important People**

10	Dr. Donald A. Webb	
	Two publications: <u>The Best Year Yet: A Kaleidograph</u>	u.d.
	<u>Deep Calls to Deep: How Christ Empowers Lives of Service</u>	
	1998	
	CD: "Ann Octogenarian's Muses:",	October 2006
	St. Mark's Lecture Series : "Is There a Plan for your Life?"	2003
	Two audio tapes" "Hearing the Bible as Literature"	u.d.

- 11 Maud Ballington Booth
- Publication: A Rector's Daughter in Victorian England  
Memories of Childhood and Girlhood, by Maud Ballington Booth, 1994
- Tales From the Field: A Collection of Volunteers of America Hopes,  
Dreams and Realities
- Audio Cassette: Voice of Maud Booth 1933
- CD: Ballington and Maud Booth Co-Founders, 1896
- 12 Memorabilia: VOA pins, tee-shirts, key rings, bags

## Photographs

- 13 Identified and dated 1986; 1989-1999
- 14 LH Kids' Show, 1999  
LH Coronation, 1999, 2000  
Dedication of Mary Amelia Whited Center, 1998
- 15 Identified and dated 2000-2005
- 16 Identified and dated 2006-2016
- 17 Identified, not dated
- 18 1960s, 1970s, 1980 not identified

## Photograph Albums

Photograph of Barbara Bush's Visit, 1989; Centenary Leadership Program, 1995; Lighthouse Dinner, 1995; Preschool Graduation, 1995 ; Minden Cub Scout Troop; Red River Classic Parade, 1997; Visit from a Houston ballerina, 1998; Preschool graduation, 1999; Jamboree 1998; Good citizenship awards, 1999; New building, 1999; Coronation 2000; Jamboree 2001; Preschool Graduation 2002; Fall dinner 2002; 2003

Album of random pictures and newspaper clippings, 2008

Album: Visionaries of PBS (LPB)- Party at Shreveport Country Club for preview show. The series featured the Volunteers of America of North Louisiana, Ron Anderson and Don Webb.

Album: 1999 – After-School Program, shows students and volunteers

Album: 1999-Lighthouse Drill Team

Album: 1999- Lighthouse Pre-School

Album: 1999- Lighthouse Drill Team

Album: 1999- After-School Program

Album: Boy Scout Troop 80- undated

Album: - undated photos

Album" What the Lighthouse Means to Me" undated

Album: Leadership and Basic Education

Album: 1998 – photographs

## **Media: VHS tapes/CDs/audio tapes for VOA**

BOX 19 1986-1999

### VHS Tapes

Undated:

“Something Wonderful is Happening”

“For Kids Sake” KSLA

VOA-“Together for the Future”

“Building Families, Strengthening Community” (2)

“When Dreams Come True”

“Generation of Hope” (4)

“The Gift of Love”

Michael Jackson wins Guidepost Award

VOA Media Training

“Never Write Us Off”

1986-Campaign Video

1988-“The Adoption Triad”

1989- Three’s Caring Gifts 1<sup>st</sup> year

1989-Summer Camp for Teen Parents

1989-Live Oak Update with Lisa and Chuck

1990-Three’s Caring Gifts KTBS

1990-Pregnancy Services Consolidation, Mary London Jefferson Award; Girl Scouts at Lighthouse

1991-Three’s Caring Gifts 3<sup>rd</sup> year

1991-VOA programs  
1992-Syd Nelson, Jefferson Award  
1992-VOA "Countdown to the Centennial"  
1993-Three's Caring Gifts, TV KTBS (2)  
1994-Three's Caring Gifts  
1995-The Visionaries VOA Preview(2)  
1996-Don Webb, Ron Anderson, Special on PBS  
1996-The Visionaries  
1996-The W.C.R. Presents 'Shake, Rattle and Roll"  
1997-Three's Caring Gifts; Bill Joyce  
1997-The Angel Award  
1998-Playhouse KSLA (2)  
1998-Quilt in a Day  
1999-Dr. Don Webb with Rick Rowe (4)  
1999-Jamboree with Lisa and Elizabeth Joyce  
1999- Playhouse (2)  
1999-Three's Caring Gifts  
1999-PSA

Box 20 2000-2005 and undated

2000-Elizabeth Joyce with Sherri Allen  
2000-A Home for the Holidays  
2001-Luncheon at East Ridge Country Club  
2001- Jamboree (2)  
2001-VOA MTPT PSA KSLA (2)  
2001-Three's Caring Gifts (2)

2002-Three's Caring Gifts (3)  
2002-Lighthouse Tour  
2002-Raising More Money  
2002-Volunteer Lunch  
2003-African American Awards Banquet; BTW Concert  
2003-Three's Caring Gifts  
2003-Tom Jerriel  
2003-Ron Feaster – Jefferson Award  
2003-Herndon St. Fire; HOPS program  
2003-Wendy's Adoption  
2004-Report on Adoption  
2004-"When Dreams Come True"  
2004-"Building Families, Strengthening the Community"  
2005-"Everthing Is Possible"  
2005-Raising More Money  
2005-VOA Breakfast  
2005-CTC Ask Event  
2006-VOA

BOX 21

DVD (small box)

Promotional DVD of VOA North Louisiana

2008 (3)      2013

2009 (2)      2014

2010            2014-2015

2011            2015-2016

2012



Box 22

Reel to reel VOA "Visionaries" 24 minutes

"A Mixed Up Life"

Slides and Carousel, maternity home 1985

## On shelf: Architectural drawings

*Southpointe Place* – elderly housing 2013  
Architectural drawings and Manual

*Pineville VOA Living Center* 2001  
L1-L3; C1-C3; SP1-SP2; A1-A7; FR1; S1-S2; M1-M3; E1-E2

Sketch – VOA Office n.d.  
VOA Office and Nursing Building 1980  
Alternative & Additions SLA 1-4

VOA Independence Ave. 2002  
Ruston, Meadows Drainage, A2

Preliminary Review 2012  
VOA proposal  
50 unit section  
A4; SP1

VOA Office 1988

*Bossier VOA* 1991  
Independent Housing  
100 Riverwood Drive  
A1-A4