INDIANA BLACK EXPO
MATERIALS, 1983–2011

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Indiana Black Expo Inc. was first organized in 1970 by a volunteer group of civic leaders to produce an exposition and build an institution that would represent the culture, creativity, and challenges of African Americans. The first exposition was held in 1971 for the primary purposes of expanding business opportunities for small minority businesses and to expose the general public to the talents and achievements of African Americans.

Indiana Black Expo, Inc. (IBE) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation and is a statewide organization headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. IBE was incorporated in 1973 and was operated and managed largely by volunteers until 1983. It is comprised of twelve chapters throughout Indiana and has approximately 3,000 members nationwide. IBE is staffed by a twenty-five member volunteer board of directors whose policies are implemented by a full time, year-round staff of 19 and 3 part-time governors.

The mission of IBE is to serve as an effective voice and vehicle for the social and economic advancement of African Americans.

Source:
Materials in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Series One: Organizational Materials includes a number of annual reports and State of our Black Youth reports. The historical packet includes a note about the history and mission of IBE and a highlight of programs and events section: it also includes papers detailing the Expo events from 1971–84, with place held, number of exhibitors, volunteers, attendance, and other details. Also included is an undated song, "Working Together . . . Works!" by Al Hobbs; officer and staff lists; highlights from different IBE events; and financial statements for 2005 and 2006 that were recorded for an audit.

Series Two: Events contains programs and other materials from events created by the Indiana Black Expo. Many of the materials concern the Circle City Classic. The Circle City Classic marketing and informational papers contain schedules of events, organizing committees lists, and a press release. There are also passes to some events, as well as Summer Celebration materials.
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