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[Babies Hospital Board of Women Managers Records](#)

**BABIES HOSPITAL (NEW YORK, N.Y.). BOARD OF WOMEN MANAGERS.
Records, 1889-1995 (bulk 1968-1995)
3 cubic feet (3 record cartons)**

HISTORICAL NOTE: Babies Hospital was founded in 1887 by five women “to provide medical and surgical aid and nursing for sick babies.” Within twenty years it had established an outpatient department, a training school for nurses, and a summer hospital on the New Jersey shore. In 1900, it became a teaching affiliate of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, and in 1929 it affiliated with the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and moved to W. 168th Street in Manhattan. L. Emmett Holt, Herbert Wilcox, Sr. and Rustin McIntosh were among the medical directors of the hospital in the 20th century. In 2003 it became the Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital.

The Board of Women Managers, originally known as the Board of Lady Managers, was founded along with the hospital in 1887, and supported the hospital through a variety of endeavors. Activities during the period documented by these records include monthly personal inspections and cash contributions towards the costs of repairs and refurbishment of the physical plant; financial support for the Social Service and Recreational Therapy (later Child Life) programs, including the provision of dolls for annual Christmas parties; sponsorship of lecture series, annual benefits and fund drives; and participation in United Hospital Fund (UHF) activities. Members also supported the hospital through physical labor, such as sorting and tagging items to be sold at the Auxiliary thrift store and serving as volunteers during nursing strikes and other events that reduced hospital staffing levels.

Unlike the auxiliaries of the Neurological Institute or the New York Orthopedic Hospital, the Babies Hospital Board of Women Managers did not merge with the Presbyterian Auxiliary after the Babies Hospital merged with Presbyterian Hospital in 1943. It is still independent today.

ARRANGEMENT: The records are arranged in three series: I. Minutes and Correspondence; II. Financial Information; III. Other Auxiliaries.

SCOPE & CONTENT: Minutes, correspondence, financial reports, membership lists, newsletters and other records of the Babies Hospital Board of Women Managers, as well as a small set of similar records from the Neurological Institute Auxiliary, the New York Orthopedic Hospital Auxiliary, and the Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary.

SERIES I: MINUTES, CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIVITIES

BOXES 1-2 (2 CUBIC FEET)

Reports, minutes, correspondence, newsletters, membership lists, and other documents; arranged chronologically.

SERIES II: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

BOX 3 (.5 CUBIC FEET)

Treasurer's reports and yearly budgets; arranged chronologically.

SERIES III: OTHER AUXILIARIES

BOX 3 (.5 CUBIC FEET)

Minutes and financial reports from the Neurological Institute Auxiliary, the New York Orthopedic Hospital Auxiliary and the Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary; arranged alphabetically by institution and then chronologically.

LANGUAGE: English

ACCESS: Because the records include Confidential Health Information (CHI) as defined by Columbia University policies governing data security and privacy, access is allowed only under the terms of Archives and Special Collections' [Access Policy to Records Containing Confidential Health Information](#).

RELATED COLLECTIONS: The records of the New York-Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary and the records of Presbyterian Hospital's Office of the Secretary include additional Board of Women Managers material, including minutes that do not appear in this collection.

PROVENANCE: Gift of the Babies Hospital Board of Women Managers, 2002. (acc. #2002.01.14).

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SUBJECTS:

Babies Hospital (New York, N.Y.)
Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital (New York, N.Y.)
Babies Hospital. Board of Women Managers.
Babies Hospital. Board of Lady Managers.
Neurological Institute (New York, N.Y.)
Neurological Institute Auxiliary.
New York Orthopedic Hospital (New York, N.Y.)
New York Orthopedic Hospital Women's Auxiliary.
Presbyterian Hospital (New York, N.Y.)
Presbyterian Hospital Women's Auxiliary.
United Hospital Fund of New York.

Children – Hospitals – New York (State) – New York
Volunteer workers in hospitals.
Women in charitable work—United States.

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