

History of Us (not everything...but a lot!)

1934

Parties for the Blind were inaugurated

1938

Founded the Naturalization Council. This later became a community project, teaching Americanism and the English language to foreign born to prepare them for citizenship

1945

Thrift Shop launched as a source of income for community service projects

1947

Started the Hot Lunch Project which became the Nursery School Association, to service the needs of underprivileged children throughout Kansas City schools

1953

As NCJW grew, an office was opened

1957

Worked with sightless children and operated a Braille library which became state-sponsored

1961

Opened a school for multiple-handicapped children and in 1964, organized a pre-school for disadvantaged children which was the first of its kind in the city

1964

Women in Community Service is a coalition of five national major women's organizations was founded in 1964. As one of these groups, NCJW provided supportive services to 40-50 girls per year who were going or returning from a Women's Job Corps Center

1967

For the first time in Kansas City, a meeting of seven women's organizations with projects in Israel was conceived and coordinated by the Kansas City Section. The program was called "Seven Light the Way"

1969

The NCJW Day Care Center for employees of Menorah Medical Center on Troost began. This school helped relieve critical staff shortages at Menorah by providing a modified Montessori experience for children of doctors, nurses, and all staff personnel. In 1975, Menorah assumed responsibility

In this same year, NCJW's "Entertainmobile" was inaugurated. These troupers sing and dance their way across the community, providing laughs, smiles and joy for elderly shut-ins at local nursing homes and the Homes for the Aged