

1940



Members of the Board of Directors / Advisory Board at the Home on May 10, 1940

The three buildings, constructed during our foundational years, formed the core of our Tucson campus for the next two decades. The Home, Infirmary, and Nursery continued to care for children arriving from every county across the state of Arizona.

1941



In December 1941, ACHA took its first step toward providing on-site education by opening its first Kindergarten classroom.



\$6,000 worth of playground equipment was donated, in 1949, by the Tucson Exchange Club.

During the 1950's, funds from the Burrige D. Butler Estate enabled the Association to expand the original Infirmary building on two occasions. A reception area and play room were added in 1951; a much needed Administrative wing was added in 1958.

1958



The expanded building was dedicated as "Butler Cottage" on March 17, 1958.

1960

By 1960, the Association, along with the Arizona State Department of Health, was beginning to focus on the mental health needs of our children. Funds from the Federal Mental Health Act made it possible for the Association to hire a psychiatric social worker assigned to work with the children residing at the Home.

1940's-1960's — The Next Three Decades

During this time, the Association also constructed a new dormitory which provided up-to-date living quarters for the children and two "House Mothers." The building was divided into two wings, each with its own kitchenette, bathroom and recreation room.

With Foundation Aid

'Home' To Get New Cottage



Marshall Cottage was designed by Place & Place Architects and named after the Marshall Foundation which contributed \$50,000 towards the construction of the new cottage.

1962

50 Years Of Welfare Service

Arizona Children's Home Making Semicentennial Of Its Operation



The Nursery building is dedicated as the Nellie P. Covert School on March 4, 1963.

1963

In 1963, the original Nursery building became home to the Nellie P. Covert School for the purpose of providing special education to the children of Arizona Children's Home as well as select students from the Tucson community. Funds for the school were received from the estate of Nellie P. Covert who was a local Tucson school teacher and long time friend of the Association.

In September 1967, Nellie P. Covert School moved into a new 6,700 sq ft building constructed on the grounds of Arizona Children's Home Association. Covert School is still in operation and continues to serve students with special needs including those with emotional disabilities, learning disabilities and behavioral issues. Programming has expanded to include an *After School Program* and *Summer Youth Program*.

Nellie Covert School To Be Dedicated



Nellie P. Covert classroom, mid-1960's.

1967



The new school was designed by Friedman & Jobusch Architects, constructed in 1967.

This portion of our history illustrates a modern approach towards service delivery reflected in the construction of more modern buildings. This is a theme that will continue into the next three decades as the Association continues to expand its services to meet the evolving needs of children in Arizona.