Introduction

From All Sides: Philanthropy in the Western Reserve is the tenth in the series of Western Reserve Studies Symposia. Begun in 1985 and designed to provide a forum for students and scholars of northeastern Ohio’s history and culture, the objective of the symposia is to advance the exploration of the distinctive aspects of Ohio’s Western Reserve.

This year’s program hosted by the American Studies Program at Case Western Reserve University was suggested by issues raised at previous symposia. The Symposium on Philanthropy is held in buildings representative of the benevolence of Cleveland families. The program opens in the Florence Harkness Memorial Chapel dedicated on Easter Sunday, March 30, 1902. Florence Harkness was the daughter of Stephen V. and Anna M. Harkness. Only a few months after her marriage to Louis H. Severance, she died. The chapel was given by her parents and husband as a memorial to Florence Harkness Severance. The second day of the Symposium will take place in Adelbert Hall built in 1882 and provided by Amasa Stone in memory of his son who died as a youth.

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Our investigation “from all sides” of Philanthropy in the Western Reserve will be guided by scholars, authors and commentators. Included here is a program for the Symposium in its entirety, a list of presenters, their papers and abstracts in the order of presentation.

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