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**Inventory of the  
Operation Lifeline fonds**

**Inventory #F0369**

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**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0369

**Title:** Operation Lifeline fonds

**Dates:** 1978-1985

**Extent:** 10.5 m of textual records  
ca. 160 photographs : b&w, col., and negatives ; 24 x 13 cm or smaller  
2 audio tape cassettes (2 hrs)

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** Operation Lifeline - Campaign to Save the Boat People was established in 1979 as a charitable organization. Its purpose was to assist the integration into Canadian society of south Asian immigrants and refugees, particularly those from Vietnam, following the end of the Vietnamese War (1975). Operation Lifeline acted as an information provider and clearing house for sponsors of refugee families, through provincial chapters in Ontario (over 100 in 1980). Operation Lifeline also operated public education programmes and stood as a lender of last resort for those refugee families whose sponsors failed to carry through their financial obligations. The organization was shut down in 1983. Operation Lifeline was run by a Board of Directors and invited members. The officers were elected by the Board at the annual meeting. In addition, there was a provincial coordinator for Ontario directing to work of volunteers who ran the local chapters in centres across the province.

**Scope and Content:** The fonds documents the establishment of Operation Lifeline - Campaign to Save the Boat People and its activities for the period of 1978-1985.

**Restrictions on  
Access and Use:** No restrictions on access.

**Finding Aid:** File lists are available.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000369.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1985-011, 1988-026. Further accruals are expected.

**Immediate source of  
acquisition:** Accession 2 (1988-025) was deposited in the York University Archives by the Refugee Documentation Project, Institute for Social Research, York University, in January, 1988.

**Provenance Access Points:** Operation Lifeline

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