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**Inventory of the
Mountain Fund fonds**

Inventory #F0121

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0121

Title: Mountain Fund fonds

Dates: 1979-1994

Extent: 0.90 m of textual records
139 photographs

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** The Mountain Fund to Help Save the Boat People was founded in 1979 by John Smith, a Christian politician in Hamilton, Ontario in response to the plight of the Vietnamese refugees who fled communist rule in their country in boats to neighbouring countries. Supported by local Hamilton-Wentworth citizens, the Mountain Fund sponsored hundreds of Vietnamese refugees in the 1980's and assisted them in integrating into Canadian society quickly. The Mountain Fund's aid extended beyond the crisis and continued to help the Vietnamese in refugee camps into the 1990's.

Scope and Content: Fonds consists of records of the Mountain Fund pertaining to its activities, helping Vietnamese refugees in coming to Hamilton, Ontario. The fonds includes minutes of the Board of Directors, correspondence, financial records, publications and photographic materials.

Custodial History: The Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, received the records from John Smith, President of the Mountain Fund, and transferred them to York University Archives in 1995.

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

Finding Aid: File list available.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/submissions/fonds/ON00370-f0000121.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accession: 1995-038. Further accruals are expected.

Provenance Access Points: Mountain Fund (Hamilton, Ont.)

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