Introduction to the

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The 85 photos in this collection were taken from a photo album owned by Mrs. Catherine Fisher Collins. The photos capture many of the activities of the Buffalo Model Cities Expos for the years 1972 and 1973. The two articles that follow were taken verbatim from two newspaper articles that were included in the book of pictures (The papers were not identified nor were the articles dated.)

**3-Day Expo '73 Is Being Planned By Model Cities**

A Model Cities "Expo 73" to acquaint the public with the programs and services funded by the agency will be held from noon to 8 PM Aug. 22-24 at 1490 Jefferson Ave. 15 projects will illustrate agency activities at display booths. Following the Expo, on Aug. 25 will be a parade starting at noon from the Expo site down Jefferson Ave. to William. Marchers will include the Trojans Motorcycle Club and units from the 4-H Club and Boy Scouts.

Later, an Expo Musical Festival will be held from 6 PM to 12:30 AM in War Memorial Stadium. In conjunction with the exhibition, an essay contest is being sponsored by the Model Cities Emergency Repair Service for youngsters ages 9 to 16. The contest ends Aug. 20. Subjects are: “How to Improve Conditions in your Home”; “What is the Model Cities Program?” and “Ways to Improve Your Community.” Entries should be sent to Sam Jemison of Emergency Repair, 176 Sycamore.

**Model City Plans 'Expo' On Aug. 25**

The Buffalo Model City Agency will sponsor its second annual "Expo 73" Aug. 23 in the 1490 Community Center, 1490 Jefferson; and in war Memorial Miss Catherine Finch, coordinator of the- day-long program that will start with a parade from the 1490 Center to William St. at noon, said 15 units funded by the Model City agency will Present their program activities in display booths. Also presented will be an essay contest for youths from 9 to 16 years old. The first-three prizes will be a 3-speed bicycle; $25; a gift certificate and a radio. This contest starts today and entries must be submitted by Aug. 20 to Sam Jemison, director of Model city's Emergency Repair Service.

The essays are to be written on “How to improve conditions of your home.” “What is the Model Cities Agency?” and “Ways to improve your community ” Model City programs to participate in -Expo 73“ are: East High School Improvement Program, the Ram Van Mobile Library, the Employment Information Center, the Veterans 'Education Training Program at Buffalo State College, the Jesse Nash Health center the YMCA Recreation Training Program the Jiltney Service, the Review and Referral Board and the school of Movement, formerly the Black Drama Workshop. Also included are the Community Communication Foundation Program, the Langston Hughes Art Center, the Community planning Assistance Center (CPAC), and summer youth programs.

The evening program will include a music festival in War Memorial Stadium, consisting of local and national stars, yet to be named. It will start at 6 P.M. All of the activities are free. Special thanks to the community for its enthusiastic support in making Model Cities "Expo73" a great success. A special note of appreciation must be extended to those individuals, agencies, groups and organizations that participated in "Expo '73". The first three days of Expo 73 were set aside for project displays, exhibiting the various services that are made available to the community.
Parks Commissioner Robert C. Penn represented Mayor Makowski at the ribbon cutting ceremony. Project displays were viewed by an estimated 3500 persons. This year three trophies were presented, to projects with the most outstanding displays; recipients of these trophies were East High Improvement Program-first place; The Senior Citizens Program-second-place; Jesse Nash Health Center, third place. The actual presentations will be held at the Model City Agency, 34 W Mohawk at a time to be announced.

Saturday, August 25 marked the final day of "Expo '73" with a parade and a festival of music. The parade originated at 1490 Jefferson Avenue and disbanded at the Towne Garden Shopping Plaza. The parade was composed of two marching groups, 4-H Marching Group, The Mavericks, Boy Scouts, The Trojan Motorcycle Club and a host of cars, as well as many spectators along the route.

The Festival of Music was held at War Memorial Stadium with an estimated 7000 persons in attendance. The entertainment for the five and one half hours was absolutely superb. Three of the five musical groups that appeared were Buffalo's own. They were Black Ice, United Sound, and Sabata and the Cause. The Showstoppers of New York City were the main attraction. Black Dance Workshop performed magnificently as well as the Young Dance Group and the Chain Reaction. Refreshments were given to the first three thousand youngsters at the Festival of Music.