Charles F. Ochs

*Class of 1932
*Awarded posthumously

The late Charles F. Ochs was a very active community member in University City. His connection with the City began at the age of three when his family moved here.

Although being a tool and die maker was a full-time job, Ochs found plenty of time to get involved and stay involved in his community. The impact he made was so great that the City renamed the University City Senior Center in honor of Ochs and his late wife – the Violet and Charles Ochs Senior Center.

Ochs served as the Director of Transportation for the Center, but he and his wife for many years answered telephones, delivered Meals on Wheels, and assisted with the pantry at the Center. Together, they volunteered their time for as many as 25 years after Ochs retired.

The Boys Scouts of America held a big place in Ochs’ heart. He was the Scoutmaster for Troop 127 at Pershing School for many years. Ochs even received Boy Scout’s highest honor – the Silver Beaver.

Another of Ochs’ passions was serving as an Old Newsboy for the Suburban Journals fund raiser. As a young boy, he sold newspapers in the Loop area, which is the same location where he sold papers for 23 years as an “Old Newsboy.”