

OBJECT ID	F2016.30
OBJECT NAME	Box, Candy
OBJECT COLLECTION	CUPID CANDIES (is part of)
MEASUREMENTS	9.8425 cm. W x 4.7625 cm. D x 15.24 cm. L, Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Cardboard
OBJECT ENTITIES	Candies, Cupid (created by) Stefanos, Paul (owned by)

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Small white rectangular cardboard chocolate box. Each side of the lid has gold printing. First a border. On the top, the Cupid Candies logo, a circle with a cupid is in the top left corner. Then inside a small border at the bottom right is "Cupid Candies, Fine Chocolates since 1936". On the front long side is printed, "Cupid Candies, each bite a fresh delight". On the back side, "Oak Lawn 4707 w. 95th Street (708)423-2729, Main Office & Kitchen 7637 S. Western Ave. (773) 925-8191, Orland Park 9420 W. 143rd Street (708) 403-3636. On both short sides is "Cupid Candies" in gold cursive print.

ORIGIN

Cupid Candies is a family owned business, founded by Paul Stefanos in 1936, and has been manufacturing quality chocolate and serving Chicagoland residents in our own retail stores for the past 68 years. The first store was at 79 th and Ashland, where only fudge, toffee, and popcorn were sold. By 1940 Paul Stefanos, and his wife Pauline, opened another store at 3207 W. 63 rd Street, along with a small manufacturing facility, where the chocolate line was expanded. By using only the finest ingredients-dairy cream and butter, premium nuts, real chocolate and natural flavors- a practice we still use today, the company had grown into what local residents remember from their childhood-a candy store where the chocolates are made fresh daily-never frozen.

In 1946 the manufacturing facility was moved to 3143 W. 63 rd Street, to accommodate the growing business. By 1956, once again, it became necessary to expand. A new plant was built at 7637 S. Western Avenue, which is still the current manufacturing plant. At that time "old fashioned" ice cream shops were added to the Cupid Candy stores. Currently two locations, 4707 W. 95 th Street in Oak Lawn and 9420 W. 143 rd Street in Orland Park, offer a complete sit-down and carryout soda fountain service along with the candy stores.

CITATION

Box, Candy, CUPID CANDIES, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.