<u>Annual Report</u> 2014–2015







Bridging Families, Communities & Generations



DEFIANCE AREA FOUNDATION Serving Defiance County

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit." - Nelson Henderson



To Enhance, Enrich, Encourage and Support the Greater Defiance Area

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The Defiance Area Foundation is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit, publicly supported philanthropic institution. It is a collection of individual funds made up of gifts, endowed funds, and bequests from individuals and corporations to enhance the quality of life where they live and work. These funds are pooled and invested and that income is distributed as grants. Since it is a public supported, tax-exempt corporation under IRS Code Section 501 (c) (3), all gifts are tax deductible.

One man had a vision. H. Eugene Smart was a true leader and worked hard to turn his vision into a reality. His vision was to form a charitable foundation that would support programs and projects within the Defiance community. He gathered numerous community leaders who shared a deep commitment and interest in his undertaking. Together, this group chartered The Defiance Area Foundation in 1979 with \$22,000 as a beginning endowment. From this inception, The Foundation has focused on, and participated in, the building of capital projects and funding of programs that impact the quality of life for our citizens. The Foundation grants monies from both restricted and unrestricted community funds.



Mission Uur

The Defiance Area Foundation provides a vehicle to promote the philanthropic goals and heritage of the donors of Defiance County. By preserving and nurturing the growth of its assets, The Foundation strives to enhance and enrich the quality of life in the greater Defiance area. The Foundation's mission is to encourage, through financial assistance, the starting or expansion of projects, causes, and programs that benefit a cross -section of area citizens.

Community foundations are the fastest growing form of philanthropy and are often the first to support new and emerging needs. The Defiance Area Foundation provides a means for addressing community problems and opportunities by maintaining a broad grant program available to charitable organizations in Defiance County.



Dear Friends:

The Defiance Area Foundation accomplished another successful year and we would like to thank all of our friends and supporters. We maintain over 80 funds that span the gamut of Defiance County needs and aspirations from scholarships to building funds. Without you, we would not be able to help as many as we do.

Everyday we receive e-mails and phone calls requesting our hard earned dollars for certain projects. Realizing that you have a choice on where and with whom you invest your money, we are grateful that you have chosen the Defiance Area Foundation. Gene Smart had the foresight to establish the Defiance Area Foundation and your continued support has made this dream a reality. We had total investments of over \$6.3 million as of June 30, 2015. Last year, we granted \$295,690 to 40 organizations to support our local area. In addition, we have a very active board and numerous committees that meet on a regular basis. Without all of their support none of this would be possible.

I would like to challenge you to become involved in one of our committees. We have numerous committees to serve on so there should be one to fit your talents and available time. The Foundation has the controls and procedures in place to make sure your investments in our Foundation are safeguarded and invested wisely. Our investment managers have earned approximately 8.83% annualized over the last five years.

Please join me in giving a special thank you to Chris Yoder. Chris has become the face of The Foundation through her hard work over the last nine years. She accepts any challenges the Board may throw at her and operates extremely efficiently on a very small budget. We, as a Foundation, need to thank her for all her time and talent because she truly does aspire to make Defiance County better.

This will be my final letter as my two-year term is completed. I am extremely pleased with the growth of The Foundation and believe there is more that can be done. We have one of the strongest reputations in Defiance County and its citizens look to the Foundation for continued guidance and support. Please consider adding your name to our list of Legacy Society members. We have 22 members but for a community our size we should have many more. On behalf of our Board of Trustees and Staff of The Defiance Area Foundation, we thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael A. A.

Michael Steyer President



Ways *Defiance Frea Foundation* is working in your community



We are a local organization with deep roots in the community and we help people invest in the causes they care about most.



Two new families designated planned gifts to The Foundation and joined our Legacy Society.



We bring donors to the table as community builders, working closely with them to align their vision with community needs. professionals to share our story and vision.

Meetings were held with

over 200 families,

community members and

Total grant funding

exceeded \$295,690 to 40

charitable organizations

during 2014-2015.

Committees are active and committed to supporting and enhancing the work of The Foundation in the Community.



Four (4) new funds/ partnerships were created fulfilling donor goals and passions.

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Assets as of 6/30/15 were \$6.3 million— thank you to our managers: First Federal Bank and State Bank Wealth Management.



We partner with professional advisors to create effective approaches to charitable giving options.

We are investing additional time and resources into education within the community regarding philanthropy, non-profit responsibilities, and "getting smart" about your community. Stay tuned...

"It's a wonderful feeling being a bridge to ...

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connect the past and unite generations." - Vin Scully



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Vicki Scantlen

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Marion Hanson



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"Love is the bridge between ...

Foundation Members

<u>MEMBERS</u>

John Boesling Linda Brose Sue A. Dangler Myra English Don Fee Jon Gathman Jav Hanson Deb Hench Joseph Howard **Bryan Keller** Mark Klein David Kondas **Glenn Kuhn** Lucy Marckel **Daniel Michel** Kevin McDonald **Kieu Okuley Jerry Overmier** Jim Rensi Tom Sauer **Mickey Schwarzbek** Bill Small Bill Sterling **Michael Steyer** Sam Strausbaugh Michelle Waggoner J. Michael Walz John Weaner **Casey Wertz** Larry Woods **Diane Zeigler**

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GRANT MAKING COMMITTEE

Mike Klein, Chairman Anne Murray John Jacob Doug Shindler Jerry Overmier Jim Williams Casey Wertz



you and everything. Rumi



FUND TYPES

- **Community Funds** Allows the donor and The Foundation the broadest options to respond to changing times and address and impact current community needs.
- ♦ **Field of Interest Funds** Allows our donors the opportunity to support specific interests within a broad area such as infants and children, the arts, education, historical research, or health and human services.
- ♦ **Restricted Endowment Funds** Allows the donor or organization to direct the funding to specific causes or organizations that they care about.
- **Donor Advised Funds** Donors takes a more active role in grant-making. A donor advised fund provides maximum flexibility allowing the donor (or donors) to make grant recommendations from the fund.
- **Restricted and Unrestricted Named Family Funds** Provides an opportunity for the donor to establish a fund in the name of their family to create a lasting legacy for future generations.
- ♦ Scholarship Funds— An educational scholarship fund can be established for a specific interest. Scholarships can support any level of education.



New Fund:

Field of Interest Fund for Health and Human Services:

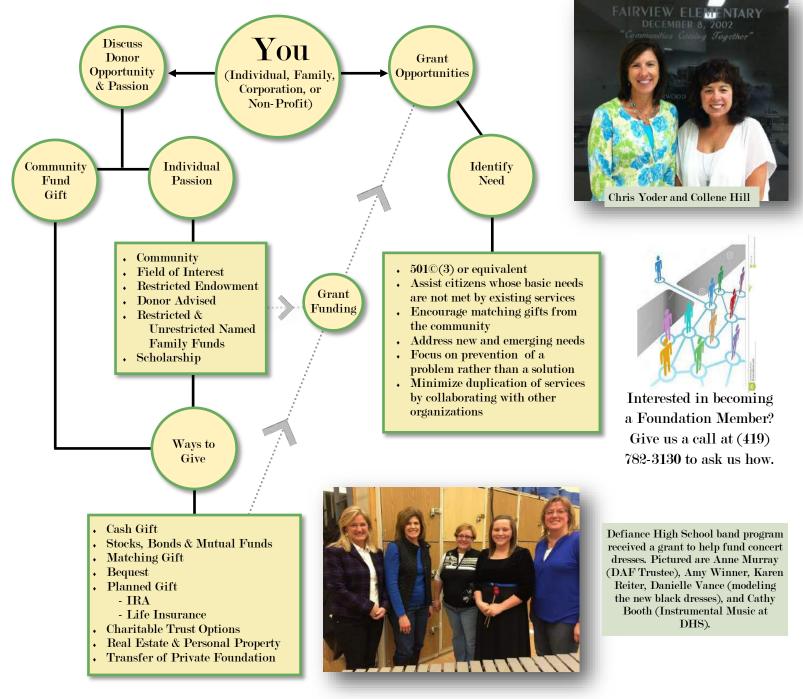
Thank you to Lucy (Weaver) Marckel for creating a new Field of Interest fund for Health and Human Services and Deb Hench for supporting that fund! The generosity of our donors helps meet our on-going community needs. Pictured are Lucy (Weaver) Marckel, Mike Steyer - DAF Board President, and Deb Hench.

WAYS TO GIVE

- ◊ **Cash Gift -** A cash gift is a tax deductible gift as provided under current law.
- Stocks, Bonds and Mutual Funds Appreciated stocks, bonds and mutual funds can be a great choice when making a charitable gift. Your contribution is based on current market value, rather than the cost basis.
- Matching Gift Matching gifts can more than double your gift, if your employer has such a program.
- ♦ **Bequest** A bequest in your will is a simple way to leave a lasting legacy.
- Planned Gifts: Retirement Funds, IRAs and Life Insurance The Foundation can be named as a direct or contingency beneficiary of a portion of your retirement funds, IRAs, life insurance policy, or other assets.
- ◊ Charitable Trust Options— Your accountant or financial professional can recommend the best option for your special and unique circumstances.
- ◊ Real Estate and Personal Property Residences, vacation homes and farmland can be donated to The Foundation and make wonderful charitable gifts and enjoy significant tax savings.
- ♦ **Transfer of Private Foundation** This affords you many advantages, including lower overhead, staff to assist you with your charitable goals, and perhaps a higher tax deduction on future gifts, to name a few.



There are many ways to start a fund which allows donors the freedom and flexibility to identify how they want their charitable dollars to be used now and in the future. The choice is yours. Do you want to a support a special field of interest, or a specific organization? Do you want to launch a scholarship in memory or honor of a loved one? By identifying your philanthropic goals and supporting your passion, a fund can be created to meet your needs. The Foundation has a number of options for you, your family business, or your non-profit organization to help you carry out your wishes.



"Keep all special thoughts and memories for lifetimes to come. Share these keepsakes with others to inspire hope and build from the past, which can bridge to the future." - Mattie Stepanek





"This legacy gift fulfills one of Gene's lifelong goals." said Marian Smart, the Honorary Chair for the Legacy Society. "By creating a Legacy Society, Gene would be pleased that his good work will continue to benefit the Defiance area forever. This is something that was important to Gene and he would be pleased his good work continues on." -Marian Smart

Leave a Planned Gift Today...





The Defiance Area Foundation offers planned gift options that enable you to leave a legacy for future generations that benefit both your financial and philanthropic goals at the same time. Vehicles for planned gifts include:



Morris and I have greatly benefited from this community for 29+ years. Raising a family in this "great place to live" has been the highlight of our lives. Defiance is a community of leaders who care deeply about causes, projects, programs, and people.

The Foundation supports the entire community in so many ways, that is why we designated a gift after our passing to the Foundation. Our children fully supported this decision. We know that the funds will be used to continue to help the community for our children, grandchildren, and generations to come.

While serving on the Grants Committee, I am continually amazed by the needs we are asked to consider – and the compassion and generosity this community provides in response. This board takes the grants review process very seriously. I am honored to serve on a board that has such deeply committed servants who take such care in preserving the growth of these assets. I am most appreciative to those who so generously create and contribute legacies that will benefit our community forever. **Enhance, enrich, encourage and support**— **our Defiance Area Foundation.** -Anne Murray



UNRESTRICTED FAMILY FUNDS

Beane Family Hench Family Smart Family Brose Family Schmenk Family Wolfe Family Yoder Family*



Bill Koester, Tim and Bretta Pendleton, and Don Hange

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Andrew Tuttle Memorial Museum **Aversville Education Foundation Baden Family Callan Family CPC** Women's Health Resource **Defiance Area YMCA Defiance City Schools Foundation Defiance Clinic Charitable and Education Foundation Defiance Community Cultural Council Farrell Family** Fairview Schools Fund Harpest Family Johnson Memorial Library Historic Homes of Defiance* Keith Hubbard Family ProMedica Health Systems* Shindler Family St. John Lutheran School The Defiance College-Project 701 Woods Family

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

DHS Bulldog Girl's Tennis Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation Defiance Metal Products Co. Fairview Football Lisa Yoder Memorial Scholarship St. Paul's United Methodist Church

RESTRICTED & FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Black Swamp Area Council-Boy Scouts of America **Bud Offerle Memorial Community Health Professionals, Inc. Conquer Childhood Cancer Now** Justin F. Coressel (Auglaize Village) **DARE** Program **Defiance Area YMCA** Defiance Baseball **Defiance County 4-H Alumni Defiance County Fair Foundation Defiance County Humane Society** Defiance Public Library Feed the Hungry First Presbyterian Church Capital Improvements **First Presbyterian Church Mission Trips** Health and Human Services* Hicksville Community Holy Cross Catholic Schools Holy Cross Catholic Schools for Academic Excellence Hospice, The Caring Way of Defiance County Auxiliary Junior Achievement of Northwest Ohio Kid's Creation Playground Multi-Area Narcotics Task Force R.A.V.E.N.S. Care, Inc. Sarah's House Sherwood Memorial Park Michael Schultz Leadership Sherwood Community The State Bank in Memory of H. Eugene Smart United Way of Defiance County Women's Giving Circle of Defiance County Wertz Family for Historical Research



Terry and Ann Melton, and Tim Whetstone

PROJECT FUNDS

Defiance County Fair Foundation Legacy Partners Veteran's Memorial Fund

* New Fund



4-H Advisory Council Auglaize Village American Red Cross Andrew Tuttle Memorial Museum Aversville Education Foundation **Community Health Professionals, Inc. Defiance Area YMCA Defiance City School Foundation Defiance** College **Defiance Community Cultural Council** Defiance County DARE Program **Defiance County Fair Foundation Defiance County Furniture Bank Defiance County Historical Society Defiance County Victims Assistance Defiance High School Defiance Music Boosters Defiance Youth Center, Inc. Dupont Church of the Brethren**



YMCA Teen Leaders-Several Teen Leaders also pictured on front and back cover

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YMCA Swimming Pool Capital Improvements



Glenn Kuhn, Rod and Mary Martin, Kaitlyn and Chris Shock

Fairview Schools First Presbyterian Church Fort Defiance Chapter of DAR Fort Defiance Humane Society Friends of the Library Friends of the Sherwood Library **Grace Episcopal Church** K&P Medical Transport Holy Cross Catholic School Kaitlyn's Cottage Lily Creek Farms New Horizons Academy at Sara's Garden Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission **ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital Foundation RAVENS** Care Inc. **Rita S. Metcalfe Foundation Rotary Foundation** Sauder Village St. Paul's United Methodist Church United Way of Defiance County

Scholarship Recipients



Ayersville Education Foundation:

Sabrina Bailey Kollin Martin Brayton Martin Pete Thieroff

Defiance Area Chamber of

Commerce Foundation: Allison Weber

The Defiance City School Foundation:

Libby Burkhart Kristen Fett Rachel Jones Karen Krontz Alec Rivers Marcus Schimizzi Jake Sierra Connor Vance Savontre Vaughn

Defiance Metal Products Co.:

Andrew Adcock Austin Heried Austin Herzog Hanna Holetz Gabrielle Lamb Kristine Shannon Megan Smith Annabelle Weisgerber D.H.S. Bulldog Girls Tennis Fund Laura Castillo

Fairview Football Fund:

Andrew Hill Andrew Robinson Erich Wolfrum

Fairview Schools Fund: Rose Mansel-Pleydell Mary Sprow

<u>St. Paul's United Methodist Church:</u> Karen Krontz Reid Renollet

Through the generosity of many individuals, families and businesses, scholarships are awarded annually from funds that have been established through The Defiance Area Foundation. These awards assist local students in their pursuit of higher education. The Foundation manages nine scholarship funds. Scholarships awarded this year were over \$21,000 with 30 recipients receiving financial support. Scholarship Funds can be established for a specific field of interest and can support any level of education.

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Cumulative Giving Societies



Gene Smart Society Gifts over \$100,000

H. Eugene Smart, the founder of The Defiance Area Foundation, has a long history of philanthropy and community pride. The former president, CEO and chairman of the board of directors of the State Bank and Trust Co was also involved in many local organizations including the Community Service Council, Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce, Defiance College United Way of Defiance County, Defiance Hospital board of trustees, Elks, Masons, Shriners and Defiance Rotary. Smart considered The Defiance Area Foundation "One of the most important things I've ever been involved with since I've been in Defiance."

Andrew Tuttle Memorial Museum Anonymous (2) Ayersville Education Foundation Cory and Julie Baden Dr. Evan and Cynthia Beane Thomas and Barb Callan Justin F. Coressel* Defiance Area YMCA Defiance City School Foundation Defiance Clinic Charitable & Educational Foundation Eunice V. Elser* T.L. Hench * Family Hospice, The Caring Way of Defiance County Auxiliary

E. Keith* and Jan Hubbard Thomas and Karen Keller William and Carol Koester Milton* and Juanita* Penney H. Eugene* and Marian* Smart

William Holgate Society \$50,000-\$99,999

William Holgate was an honest and respected local businessman. He was responsible for bringing the Wabash & Pacific and Baltimore & Ohio railroads to town. Holgate was also the president of Merchants National Bank and Defiance Manufacturing Co. and farmed, breeding trotting horses.

Anonymous (2) Farrell Family Foundation First Federal Bank of the Midwest The State Bank & Trust Co. Wooster Republican Printing Co. Larry and Dixie Woods Quintin Yao



Edward S. Bronson Society \$25,000-\$49,999

Born and raised in Defiance, Bronson was a graduate of both Defiance public schools and Defiance College in the 1890s. He became a local businessman, with many passions including gardening, music and photography. Bronson was a two-time mayor of Defiance, was instrumental in the establishment of the Defiance Park Commission and served as one of its first members for many years. Bronson also helped found the Defiance Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Anonymous (1) Black Swamp Area Council Boy Scouts of America Helen Breitenbach* Dr. Paul and Linda Brose Community Health Professionals Cornerstone Church of God CPC Women's Health Resource Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation Def. Community Cultural Council General Motors/Powertrain James and Pat* Gillis Todd and Deb Harpest Jim Schmidt Chevrolet Pontiac, Buick Inc. Johnson Memorial Library Fred and Lucy (Weaver) Marckel Ohio Women's Open, Inc. Chad and Tammy Peter

Greg and Helen Reineke Doug and Jennifer Shindler St. John Lutheran Church St. Paul 's United Methodist Church Mike and Ricki Slattery Starrett Sam and Gretchen Strausbaugh United Way of Defiance County Village of Hicksville Werlor, Inc. Jerry* and Judy* Wertz



Cumulative Giving Societies



Henry Hicks Society \$10,000-\$24,999

Henry Hicks was a financial entrepreneur from New York City. Looking to expand his business, the Hicks Land Company owner sent employees out to seek new land to expand his enterprise. With a duty to secure land that was profitable and filled with valuable timber, the town now known as Hicksville was settled and named after Hicks.

Anonymous (1) Charles and Leona Bailey Brian and Amy Callan Ed Charles* Defiance Clinic ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital Defiance Optimist Club William* and Helen* Diehl D. M. Eckert Enterprises Fraternal Order of Eagles #2556 Friends of the Sherwood Library GM Foundation Richard* and Peg Graham Eric and Deb Hench Mark and Denise Hench Hicksville Rotary Club Historic Homes of Defiance Craig and Linda Hoffman The Hubbard Company Thomas and Jean Hubbard Isaac Property Company Junior Achievement of NW Ohio Bonnie Kaemming Key Bank Rita Kissner Gary and Connie Konst John* and Maxine* Manchester Terry and Ann Melton Mercy Hospital of Defiance Linda Monroe Ryan and April Mumy Tom and Vicki Sauer The Serrick Family Laurie and Mike McCann Sherwood State Bank William and Kathy Small Don and Donnie VanBrackel Wal-Mart Casey and Bobby Wertz Randy and Chris Yoder Martin Zachrich



Johnny Appleseed Society \$5,000-\$9,999

Affectionately known as "Johnny Appleseed", John Chapman planted his way across the Mid west. The American folk hero of the 19th century planted apple orchards as he traveled, giving and selling apple seedlings to pioneers along the way. He was also known for his kindness, spir ituality, good relations with the Indians and his unique appearance – bare feet and tin pot on hi head.

Anonymous (1) Lois Behm John and Evelyn Boesling Ken and Kay Boroff The Crescent-News— Defiance Publishing Co. Defiance College Fort Defiance VFW Post 3360 Beatrice Gonzales Don and Ann Hange Joseph and Cheryl Howard John and Margaret Jacob Johns Manville Michael and Cathy Klein John and Joanne Moats Modern Woodmen Leone Neidhardt Ronald McDonald House Matt and Dawn Schmenk James and Karen Schmidt Beth Sigg

Nancy Slattery John Smart* Michael and Sheri Steyer Joseph* and Karen Tubbs Steven and Patricia VanDemark Women's Giving Circle Larry and Sheri Yoder Zeller Foundation



Anthony Wayne Society \$1,000-\$4,999

Commonly known as "Mad" Anthony Wayne for his fiery personality, Anthony Wayne was United States Army general and statesman at the end of the American Revolutionary War, ending his military career as a brigadier general. In August 1794, Anthony Wayne ordered the construction of Fort Defiance at the confluence of the Auglaize and Maumee Rivers, which became his base of operations following the Battle of Fallen Timbers, near Toledo.

A.B.C. Distributing Co. Advantage Powder Coating Nancy Mohley Agler Archbold Equipment Baker-Shindler Contracting Co. Dennis Beatty Beckman Chevrolet Beilharz Architects, Inc. Lynn & Kathy Bergman Robert* and Martha* Bleeks Marvin Boehm Mike and Kathy Boff Stephen and Sue Boomer Tom and Judy Breininger Bill and Vicki Brunn Bry-Pie, Inc. Bonnie Burgbacher Fred Brown* Richard and Dorothy Burrows William Carder Gary Chaney Walter and Kathleen Chaput Chief Supermarkets City Beverage Co. Joyce Combs Compo Corp. Robert and Wanda Confer Jay Crites

*Deceased



Marv and Marlene Crites Lawrence and Cheryle Culler Ruthann Czartoski Sue and Kevin Dangler Deborah Dean **Defiance Dental Group Defiance Lions Club** Defiance Metal Products Defiance Rotary Club Robert and Elaine DeLeon Rod Derrow Diehl, Inc. Dinner Bell Foods, Inc. **Gladys Donson** Gary and Josie Dowler Brian English Dr. John Fauster, Jr.* Donald and Rosie Fee Finkbeiner, Pettis and Strout, Inc. First National Bank Northwest Ohio Fitzenrider. Inc. FM Global Foundation Dr. Jeffrey and Sara Fogt Ft Defiance Construction and Supply, Inc. Fort Defiance Realty, Inc. Dr. Fran Lenhart * Arthur Frederick* Friends of the Defiance Public Library M. Benjamin* and Thelma *Gaeth Scott and Amy Galbraith Jonathan and Angela Gathman Grassroots Steven and Pat Grosenbacher Steve and Kelly Grube Bruce and Debra Guilford Mark Moats Ford Scott and Angela Hall Jeff Hange Jay and Christine Hanson Dan and Dawn Hasch Jerry and Lea Ann Hayes Margaret "Peg" Henkle* John and Jan Hersh Hicksville Bank Donald and Elizabeth Hileman

Virgil and Janice Hoene Home Builders Association Home Saving and Loan Association M.C. Horman Deborah Hubbard Steve and Jill Hubbard Carol A. Hull Huntington Bank Integrity Chrysler Plymouth Ohio Benefit Group John H. Jacob Peggy Ann Johns Greg and Amy Johnson Ken and Joyce (Hudgins) Joyce Kurt* and Mary Kampe Brvan Keller Kellermeyer Co. Patricia King Mark and Barbara Klein Ed and Deb Koch Koester Corporation Koester Metals, Inc. Dr. Charles and Mary Ann Krouse* Craig and Nan Kuhlman Glenn and Genevieve Kuhn L&M Co. Kathy Mack Paul and Ann Mallett Martha Mallott Rodger and Mary Martin Maumee Vallev National Bank Midwest Community Federal Credit Union Tim and Tamera Miller Bill and Sue Moats Karen Kay (Kline) Moats Mark and Karen Moats Michael W. Moats Gerald and Julie Monnin Moose Lodge Griff and Niki Mosier Myra J. Salon-Myra English Napoleon Wash -N-Fill David and Kathleen Neidhardt

Nester Ag Joe and Becky Nester Margaret Jean Nolan Northwest Controls Northwest Ohio Staffing Dr. Philip and Linda O'Donnell Carl "Bud" Offerle* Webster and Gail Olson Okuley's Pharmacy and Home Medical Joseph and Susan O'Neil Michael and Michelle Oshorne Jerry and Ann Overmier Bill Papenhagen Richard Pastor* Timothy and Bretta Pendleton Ted and Brenda Penner Terry and Betty Penner Joanne Pion Sharon Potts Kenneth Ratliff John Reeves* James and Nancy Rensi Robert and Audra Ricica Donald and Anita Rethmel James and Becky Rohrs John* and Ruth *Rohrs Eric and Peggy Rolf Richard and Nadine Ross Rurban Financial Corporation **Owen and Carol Schroeder** Mickey and Anita Schwarzbek Sertoma Club of Defiance ServiceMaster of Defiance Sherwood VFW Post 5665 W. B. Shindler* Family Simplex Airplane Fund Andrew and Beverly Singer Carol Singer Francis and Mary Alice Singer James and Jacqueline Singer Richard and Susan Singer Robyn Small

L.E. Smart* Garnett Smith Christopher and Cheryl **Smitlev** Stephen and Margaret Snavely Jeffrey and Paula Sprow Steve and Vickie Sprow St. Michael's Catholic Church William and Ginny Sterling Dan and Pat Stevenson Duane and Sue Stever Greg Stever Joseph and Anne Steyer Dr. Mick and Lorie Stone Jeff and Sue Strausbaugh Stykemain Buick GMC **Barry Sucher** Teacher Association - Central Local Schools Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Franklin and Kelly Phillips A. VanBrackel & Sons, Inc. Mary Lou Vance Shirley Vance Tom and Barbara Vance Wachovia Securities Jack and Diane Wahl Steven and Cathy Walker Dr. J. Michael and Linda Walz Marc Warncke Dr. Gregg and Kathy Warner Robert Warner John and Carole Weaner Karl Weaner* William and Marlene Weaver William and Holly Wendling Tim and Carol Whetstone Dr. Ned and Janet Willey **Bud and Donna Williams** Jim and Dr. Amy Williams Lon and Mary Williams Tom and Marilvn Williams Rex Williamson Stan and Jayne Yoder Garv Young Angela Karacson Zeedyk Roger and Lois Zeedyk Diane Zeigler John* and Loisann Zimmerman

This prestigious award, endowed by the Laurie and Mike McCann Family began in 2015 and is presented annually to one of Defiance area's outstanding citizens. In addition to this fund maintained through the Defiance Area Foundation, the family established the following criteria to qualify for the award. Each nominee must be or have been:

Good Citizen Award



A promoter (individual or couple) of the Defiance Area for at least 10 years.

Active in unpaid positions in organizations providing services to Defiance County.

In a leadership position of a nonprofit and/or volunteer

Associated with at least one outstanding accomplishment in Defiance County.



In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future. - Alex Haley

Nelson Hahn has modeled "Christian values and serving others" in his life on a regular basis. He has not served in what most of us might think of as traditional leadership positions but is a "worker bee". His active and regular participation and passion for serving others in a "non-leadership" position may have had more of an impact than being President of an organization.... He leads by example.

He has recently served on the evangelization committee at St. Mary Church. Rather than talking about what they were going to do, he would just go out and "do it"! He might be seen mowing someone's lawn, dropping by the home of someone on his prayer list, or offering a kind word to the waitress at Bud's. He has been a Hospice volunteer for 10+ years, been involved in the Alzheimer's group, was a SCORE volunteer, and engaged in Church activities at St. Mary Church. This individual has impacted so many people in a "behind the scenes" way.



Nelson was married for nearly 60 years. He has successful children and grandchildren who are actively involved in social justice, community improvement, church leadership, and mission work in their local communities, their diocese, and in foreign countries. He also maintained a business based on Christian principles and values. We are pleased to award the 2015 Good Citizens Award to Nelson Hahn.



Nancy Mohley Agler Amazon Smile Andrew Tuttle Memorial Museum **Craig and Connie Andrews Bob and Sharon Armstrong** Gary and Barbara Arnos Arps Dairy, Inc. **Ayersville Education Foundation Cory and Julie Baden James and Janet Barnes** Jo Anne Barton John and Evelyn Boesling Mike Bok Steve and Sue Boomer Gary and Toni Borchardt Ken and Kay Boroff **Bromelkamp** Company Dr. Paul and Linda Brose **David and Shirley Browns Ray Bruggeman Randall and Marilyn Buchman Richard and Dorothy Burrows** Tom and Barb Callan **Central Local School District Gary Chaney** Elmer Clinker Colin and Virginia (Rieke) Combs **Joyce Combs** June Coolman Justin F. Coressel Foundation Frank and Jan Craig Lawrence R. and Cheryle F. Culler Kevin and Sue Dangler **Douglas and Therese Daoust** Deborah Dean **Defiance Metal Products Defiance Optimist Club Robert and Rita Deitrick Robert and Elaine DeLeon** Gary and Josie Dowler **Dan and Sharon Farrell** Don and Rosie Fee Larry and Rebecca Fillinger First Federal Bank

Scott and Amy Galbraith **Garrit Nixon Memorial Classic** Jon and Angela Gathman **GM** Foundation **Steve and Kelly Grube** Bruce and Debra Guilford Harold and Cheryl Hahr **Jack Hale** Clarence and Lanna Hall Andrew and Kristin Hange Don and Ann Hange Jay and Christine Hanson Todd and Deb Harpest Dan and Dawn Hasch Lea Ann Hayes Eric and Deb Hench Mark and Denise Hench Hicksville Bank **Hicksville Rotary Club** Donald and Elizabeth Hileman **Bob and Collene Hill Historic Homes of Defiance** David and Mary Hoeffel Virgil and Janice Hoene **Craig and Linda Hoffman** Judith M. Hohenberger **Joseph and Cheryl Howard** The Hubbard Co. Deborah Hubbard **Hubbard Family Foundation** Stephen and Jill Hubbard Thomas and Jean Hubbard Carol A. Hull John and Margaret Jacob Greg and Amy Johnson Darrell Jones **Joost Family Memorial Fund Bonnie Kaemming Bashar and Monica Kanouh Charles and Donna Karacson** Bryan Keller **Barbara Sprow Kieffer** Rita Kissner Mark and Barbara Klein



Bill Koester, Ann Hange, Kathleen and Dave Neihardt



Amy Galbraith, Carol Hull and Trish Schlachter

Michael and Cathy Klein **Donald and Peggy Knueve** Ed and Deb Koch Jack Koester William and Carol Koester **David and Sharmaine Kondas** Gary and Connie Konst Chris Korhn Craig and Nan Kuhlman C. Glenn and Genevieve Kuhn Lynn Lantz Peter and Deborah Lenhart John and Juli Liming Ian and Melanie MacGregor Kathy Mack **Christopher J. Mack** Paul and Ann Mallett Martha Mallott



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Memorials & Honorariums

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Amy Kathryn Moats BrehmBy: Paul & Daria Sulpizio

Frank & Virginia Burger By: Stephen F. Hubbard

William Chaney By: Dr. Paul & Linda Brose Gary Chaney

Marvelle Clinker & Annabelle Clinker By: Elmer Clinker

Bernie Czartoski By: Ruthann Czartoski

Charlie Dales By: Obie & Andrea Mouser Ward Fritz By: Thomas & Jean Hubbard Dennis Guilford By: Betty Guilford Mary Anne Blaney Kaduk Hillbrook, LLC Margaret Lintner Latisha Rourke Richard & Karen Yoder Lila Hite By: Dr. Paul & Linda Brose

Joshua Hohenberger By: Judith M. Hohenberger

E. Keith Hubbard By: Stephen F. Hubbard

Keith Hubbard By: Hubbard Family Foundation Tom Hubbard, The Hubbard Company Phil Mack By: Kathy Mack Shannon Elizabeth Mattocks By: Bob & Sharon Armstrong

Rev. Wyn Bryan Maxey By: Chris Korhn

Jack Palmer By: Chris Palmer Mr. & Mrs. S. VanDemark Mr. & Mrs. R. Weisgeber

Vince Polce By: Donna Polce

Terry "Tuff" Ryan By: Pat Walter

Rita Mae Sauer By: Tom & Vicki Sauer

"It takes both sides...

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Memorials & Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF (CONTINUED):

Suzanne N. Schatz By: Mr. & Mrs. R. Buchman Larry & Rebeca Filinger Jo Ann Ryan Don & Donnie Van-Brackel



IN HONOR OF:

Alice J. Sims By: Tom & Jean Hubbard

Dick Slattery By: Nancy Slattery

Suzanne S. Weaner By: James & Lisa Weaner Otto Beindorf By: Craig & Connie Andrews

Ray Derricotte By: Mr. & Mrs. R. Buchman

Don & Ann Hange By: Dr. Robert & Janet Ramus

Andrew Hasch & Heather Shininger By: Dan & Dawn Hasch Andrea Hill , Class of 1992 & Eric Hull, Class of 1999 By: Carol A. Hull

The Class of 1960 - Fairview School

By Karen Kay Kline Moats

The Class of 1964 - Fairview School By Barbara Sprow Kieffer

to build a bridge." - Fredrik Nael

Bridging Communities

The Defiance Area Foundation has been serving communities within Defiance County for the last 36 years. In these 36 years, the Defiance Area Foundation has been able to touch thousands of lives of those families residing within Defiance, Hicksville, Ney and Sherwood Ohio through many different funds for many different needs.



Being able to "bridge the communities" within Defiance County is very important to us. By providing a vehicle for community partnerships such as The Defiance County Fairgrounds grandstand project, or the Veteran's Memorial Park, The Defiance Area Foundation is able to bring people together and continue to strengthen grant-making in all of Defiance County.

It is always exciting when we develop new funds and receive gifts within these communities. The Hicksville Community Fund and Sherwood Community Fund were started in their respective communities to benefit projects and programs and support their local efforts.



The Hicksville Community fund has reached (drum roll please) the \$35,000 mark and will begin grant-making this year! Thank you to the Hicksville Rotary Club for the matching gift to take us over the top. The Sherwood Community Fund has total assets of nearly \$50,000 as of 6/30/15 which benefit the Sherwood and out-lying communities.

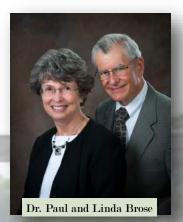
Gary Konst thanking Jim Rensi of Hicksville Rotary

Final drum roll please.....,nearly \$90,000 (including pledges) was raised in less than two years in the Fairview Schools Fund to be used for scholarships and minigrants. This team has an initial goal to grow the fund to \$100,000 to benefit teachers and students of Fairview Schools.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the Sherwood and Hicksville development, grant-making or committee opportunities, contact The Foundation for more information.



Similar to a quilt, the tighter our weaves are woven, the stronger our quilt will be. Each fund and generous donation helps to make up each patch of the Defiance Area Foundation Quilt. Our quilt is colorful, strong and unique. Through generous gifts throughout Defiance County the Defiance Area foundation was able to grant \$295,690 last year. Here are our donors and grant recipients comments:



munity that was so good to us for over forty years. With unrestricted funds available, the Trustees can allocate money to address immediate needs of the community as they arise and fund projects that will have an impact on the quality of life in Defiance County. We feel this continues to make Defiance "a Great Place to Live."

"Paul and I established an unrestricted fund to give back to the com-

-Dr. Paul and Linda Brose

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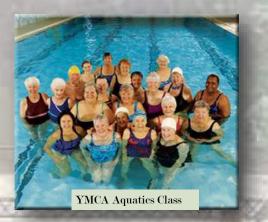
"I have lived in Hicksville most of my life, and when the time came to start thinking about an estate plan, I knew I wanted to give back to the Community. My dilemma was there were so many organizations I wanted to support. I was having a difficult time narrowing down my choices. The perfect answer was The Defiance Area Foundation (Hicksville Fund), which I designated as beneficiary of my IRA." -Cheryl Hanna

Special thank you to the Defiance Area Foundation for their financial assistance with the sand filter and capital improvements to the YMCA pool this year! We appreciate your continued support.

-Rich Seward— Executive Director

Thank you for awarding me the Claude W Henkle Memorial Scholarship! Not only did this financial support help me last year, but the continued renewals allow me to be confident in finishing my degree. Thank you for supporting future teachers and the students they will inspire.

-Karen Krontz-BGSU Student

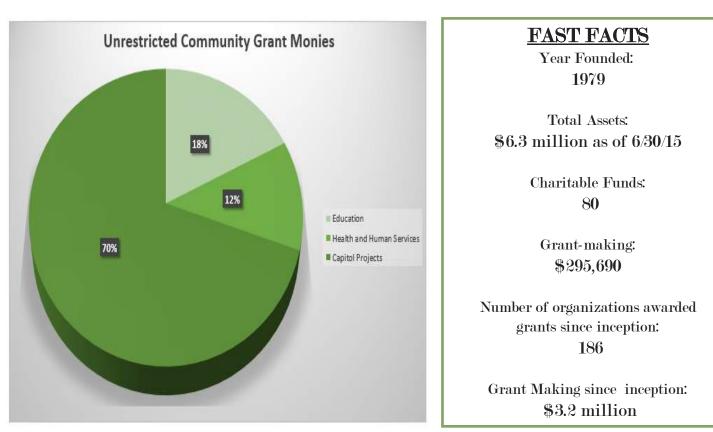


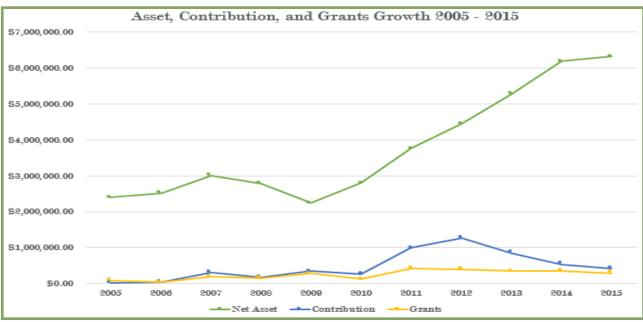
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The Defiance Area Foundation wants to encourage you to take part and enjoy your communities! Visit the Huber Opera House, tour the Tuttle Museum or visit some of our rich history. Defiance County has many hidden treasures within our communities and we invite you to discover them all!



The focus of The Foundation is to seek out, review and support capital projects and quality programs in the community. In order to achieve this goal, we seek to fulfill donor passions, form collaborations and partnerships, and grow assets to better meet and exceed the needs of the community. Ten years ago assets totaled \$2.4 million compared to assets as of \$6.3 million today. We have been blessed with community support over the past 36 years. Here's s snapshot:





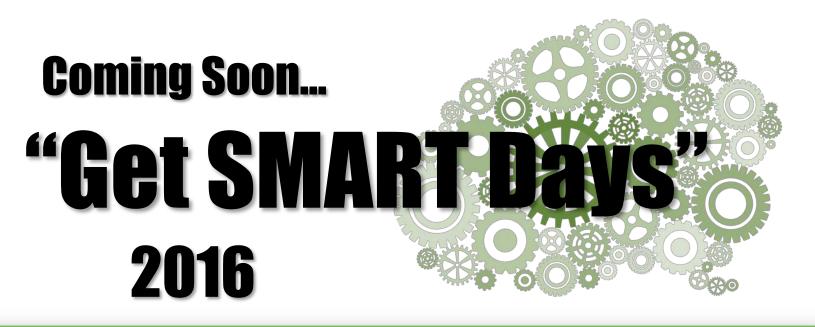
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In honor and in memory of our founder, H. Eugene Smart, Defiance Area Foundation will be hosting a series of "Get Smart Days" in the upcoming year. The purpose of "Get Smart Days" is to do just that! Defiance Area Foundation's mission is to promote the philanthropic goals and heritage of the donors of the greater Defiance area. With "Get Smart Days", Defiance Area Foundation is hoping to enlighten and educate others by bridging families, communities and generations. Our first "Get Smart Day" is October 28th..."Responsibilities of Non-Profit Board Members". Call us for details.

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