



*Our Mission:*

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



## Message from the Director:

Spring has finally sprung! Isn't it wonderful to see the daffodils and tulips sprouting - without snow on them? We continue to be blessed here at the DAF with opportunities to serve our community. This spring grant cycle we awarded \$35,010 (see reverse side) making our total grant giving this year from our Community Fund \$86,244. Thank you to our members, donors and friends who continue to support us with your time, talents and treasures. Our next grant deadline is September 30, 2018. Please like us on Facebook and share your thoughts. We welcome your suggestions and ideas on how we can better serve Defiance County. --Christine Yoder, Executive Director

## Helping Hands Update - \$5,000 Match:



Launched in January, Helping Hands is a program that provides funding for charitable purposes in our community. This program provides you and your family the opportunity to round up your monthly utility bill to help support rescue organizations, food banks, educational projects, child care programs and others. The Defiance Area Foundation will contribute \$5 per person up to \$5,000 to assist the program. As of the end of April, 343 utility customers have opted into the program. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to participate. There are several ways to

opt in: 1) visit the Defiance City Utilities website using the Helping Hands Opt-In Form (complete and submit electronically); 2) print the form and drop off to the Defiance City Billing Office; or 3) pick up and complete a form at the City Utilities office when you pay your next bill. You can Opt-In anytime!

## Welcome New Member Rachel Hammersmith:

I am not from Defiance; however, my husband, Steven, was born and raised here. After graduating from law school and passing the bar last year, I was given the opportunity to begin my career at a local firm here in Defiance. Through my firm, I met Chris Yoder and was subsequently introduced to the Defiance Area Foundation. I wanted to be involved in the area where I practice, and I knew that joining the Foundation would allow me the opportunity to give back and serve the local community that my husband and I will eventually call home.

What I love about the Foundation is that there are so many ways to give to countless worthy causes, while doing so in accordance with your own needs and interests. I decided to join the marketing committee in order to facilitate a more hands on approach to my involvement and to further support the mission of the Foundation.

Helping and giving back to others is an important goal of mine, not just as an attorney, but as an individual, and the Foundation, as a pillar of philanthropy, is the perfect vehicle to achieve those goals. I look forward to being involved in the Foundation and serving the Defiance community for many years to come!



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 9th - Defiance Area Foundation Strategic Planning Session 7:15 a.m. to Noon

June 9th - 12th - Ohio Women's Open Pro-Am Tournament

July 12th - Marketing and Development Committee Meetings 8:00 a.m.

July 26th - Defiance Area Foundation Trustees Meeting 7:30 a.m.

## Grant Recipients 2018:

The Defiance Area Foundation Grants Committee met and the Trustees approved the following grants at the April 26th Board Meeting:



**The Defiance Dream Center  
Fort Defiance Humane Society  
Black Swamp Beekeepers Association  
Claire's Day - Read for Literacy  
Storybook Adventure  
Boy Scout Troop 76 - St. Mary's  
Black Swamp Mobile Arts Program  
Huber Opera House & Civic Center**



## Grant Feature: The Defiance Dream Center



The Defiance Dream Center exists to inspire hope and activate the talents hidden within each individual served so they can live out their God given purpose and make a difference in their families, communities and circle of influence. The strategies are designed to reach our community by building strong, meaningful relationships and meeting both the physical and spiritual needs of those served.

The goal of the Dream Center is to help provide a pathway of hope out of poverty, addictions, and hopelessness for people in need. Over the course of this past year The Dream Center has had numerous discussions with local community leaders and agencies to identify the most pressing needs in Northwest Ohio. The top three needs that have been stated time and again are transportation, a need for life-coaching/mentoring, and workforce development. The

Care Center, located at 1935 East Second Street is a multifaceted facility that is being renovated to address these three issues in our community. The Defiance Area Foundation grant will assist with the transportation needs at the Auto Care Center.

The Auto Care Center will focus on repairing and re-gifting vehicles of single mothers, widows and military wives with an actively deployed spouse. The Auto Care Center will not only meet the needs of the women served but through Life Coaching mentor/mentee relationships will provide job training for those unemployed and underemployed. Contact The Defiance Dream Center at 419-789-4122 or The Defiance Area Foundation at 419-782-3130 for more information or how to get involved!

First Saturday Serve Day!



## Successful Seminars:

***Success in Fund-Raising was very beneficial to all those who attended. Thank you to Ally Sterling, Philanthropy and Elaine Jenson who shared fund-raising tips and ideas. How to Strengthen your Non-Profit Board was also held in April with speaker, Beth Short, from the Attorney General's office. We received so much positive feedback that we plan to invite Beth to return for a second educational opportunity. Please e-mail [chris@defianceareafoundation.org](mailto:chris@defianceareafoundation.org) or call 419-782-3130 if you would like more information.***



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