

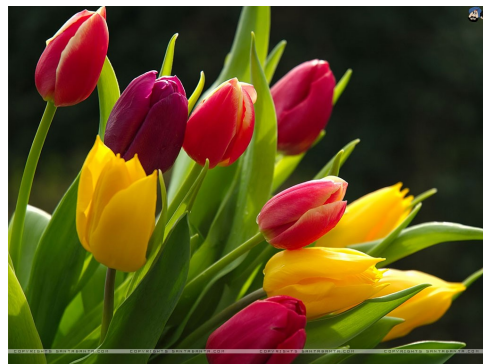


### ***Our Mission:***

***To Enhance, Enrich, Encourage, and Support the Defiance County Community***

### **Message from the Director:**

Spring is in the air. Isn't it wonderful to see the daffodils and tulips sprouting and the sun shining? We continue to be blessed here at the DAF with opportunities to serve our community. Together we grow is our theme this year. This grant cycle we awarded \$72,000 making our total grant giving this year from our Community Fund \$144,356. We awarded 59 grants of \$1,000 each to non-profit organizations in as part of our 40th Anniversary Celebration. Thank you to our members, donors and friends who have made this possible! -Chris Yoder, Executive Director



### **Congratulations to the following recipients on receiving a grant from The Defiance Area Foundation as part of the 40th Anniversary!**

DDVB Holiday Decorating  
Defiance Fastpitch Softball League  
Ayersville Athletic Boosters  
The Defiance Dream Center  
Northwest Ohio CASA  
Fairview Elementary School  
Defiance Co. Public Safety Services- EMA  
Defiance Co. Furniture Bank  
Defiance Fire & Rescue  
BSA Troop 70 - St. Pauls UMC  
The Defiance Softball Association  
Sufficient Grace Ministries  
Noble Township Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Defiance Co. Horseman's Council  
Defiance Community Cultural Council  
Highland Twp Fire Dept. Assoc.  
Defiance Public Library System  
The Fellowship Club  
Hicksville Community Service Center

Ayersville Elementary PTO  
Defiance Co. Historical Society  
Historic Homes of Defiance  
Friends of Independence Dam St. Park  
Zonta Club of Defiance  
St. Paul's UMC Food Pantry  
St. Vincent de Paul  
DHS Academic Booster Club  
StoryBook Adventure - United Way  
Hicksville Beautification Comm. (HCSC)  
Northwest Ohio Community Action NOCAC  
Defiance County General Health District  
Tinora Music Boosters  
Defiance Area Young Girls Conf. (St. Paul's)  
Evansport United Methodist Church  
Ravens Care  
Defiance Agricultural Society  
Tinora Academic Boosters

Black Swamp Area Council  
Defiance County Amateur Radio Club  
Lifeline Connect Ministry (Hicksville)  
The Defiance College Purple and Gold Club

### **The following received a grant from the Community Fund:**

- Huber Opera House & Civic Ctr.
- Ohio Ag - Fairgrounds Pavilion
- Defiance Area Youth for Christ
- The Defiance College
- Defiance Public EMA
- Storybook Adventure

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

May 30th - 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Business Before Hours - The Defiance Area Foundation & Biggby's  
July 9 - 9:00 a.m. Marketing and Development Committee Meeting  
July 18 - 7:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting  
July 25 - 7:30 a.m. Trustee Meeting  
August 15- 7:30 Executive Committee Meeting  
August 15 - 9:00 Finance Committee Meeting  
September 17th - Annual Meeting Evening - Eagles



## Welcome to our new Volunteer - Jackie Williams



Defiance Ohio became Jackie's hometown at age 3 and she attended St. John's Catholic then graduated from Defiance High School. She is a graduate of Bluffton University and has a major in early childhood education at Lourdes College. Her education and background include home economics and social work, as well as working with youth, children, toddlers, infants, and families.

After Bluffton College, Jackie, married Mike Williams and shared a life of service to our country, living in Okinawa, Japan. Finally, Jackie & Mike then returned to Defiance and raised two sons, Joe & Ben along with a daughter Elizabeth. Today they are grandparents of 7 grandchildren. Make that 8. One is on the way!

Jackie has held positions in education and training, program development, management, supervision, and early intervention. Jackie's latest position was as the Contract Manager for early Intervention with the Defiance Co. Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Country and Community are important to the Williams family. Jackie has involved herself in volunteering with support groups for our military troops and their families as well as the Defiance Co. Veterans' office. She has over a dozen other organizations where she offers support and volunteers. Please welcome and thank Jackie when you see her!

### Legacy Giving in Action...

You may recall the headline story at the end of 2018 of Washington state social worker Alan Naiman who, a man of perceived little wealth bequeathed nearly \$11 Million to charities.

The beneficiaries of Mr. Naiman's estate had no indication of their forthcoming inheritance and for most recipients; the bequest received was life-changing to the organization's work. For one organization, Mr. Naiman's gift eliminated their mortgage. Another organization, receiving a gift greater than one year of their operating budget was able to immediately implement plans that would have otherwise taken years to make reality.

To impact so many worthy organizations as Alan did is inspiring and is a dream of nonprofits everywhere. For us at the Foundation, this spectacular story of unexpected generosity reminds us that for every philanthropist that reaches out to our Foundation for assistance in estate planning, there are many more that have the same aspirations and just need some guidance to ensure their bequest wishes are honored.

Mr. Naiman's legacy inspires the DAF to encourage community members to examine their own philanthropic goals and remember to include them in their wills. We encourage you to take a moment to think about the causes you are passionate about and how you envision supporting them through your estate. You may be like Mr. Naiman and wish to keep your plans unknown, or you may be looking to partner with causes important to you now, so that they can plan for the future with you. Whatever the case, your accountant or attorney can confidentially assist you with your charitable intentions. The Defiance Area Foundation has been blessed with the generosity of many estate gifts which have enabled us to perpetuate many philanthropic goals and visions in Defiance County. If we can help, please contact us at (419) 782-3130.



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