



## New Fund Feature:

### CANINES FOR VALOR

**“Valor” = great courage in the face of danger, especially in battle.**

Canines for Valor is a new fund created by Tanya Brunner of the Defiance County Veterans office. The purpose of this fund is to provide highly trained service dogs to disabled veterans. Funds may also be used for animal care, maintenance, fees, and transportation to purchase these “canines for valor”. We are currently growing the fund to benefit veterans to assist with acquiring of these service dogs. Once initial funding of \$25,000 is achieved, applications will be accepted by the Defiance County Veterans office.

The Veterans Office is in the process of establishing an Advisory Committee that will consist of disabled veterans, dog trainers, and advocates who will work with clients who are interested in procuring a service dog. The Committee will then make recommendations to the Foundation for those veterans who are ready for a match to a service companion.

If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Committee or you are a disabled veteran in Defiance County who is interested in a service dog: please contact Tanya Brunner or Erin Clady at the Defiance Veterans Office. 419.782.6861 or [veterans@defiancecounty.oh.gov](mailto:veterans@defiancecounty.oh.gov).



**For more information on making a donation to the fund  
contact [chris@defianceareafoundation.org](mailto:chris@defianceareafoundation.org) or click here!**



## Project 2030 Update 3/31/23:

- We have received total donations of: \$210,361
- Total in commitments: \$322,310
- Total visionaries and partners: 77

**“This project is so important for our wonderful city. We both grew up in Defiance and raised our children here. Now this project has allowed us to give towards the future of Defiance and for many generations. God willing we will see this project enhance our community!” -Rick and Jill Krutsch**



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# We are pleased to share that the following grants were approved at the Trustee Meeting held on 4/27/23:

## Grant Requests:

- Christ's Cupboard Ministries - remodeling/roof
- Lily Creek Farms – Manke Orchard purchase & expenses
- Black Swamp Boy Scouts – Keith Hubbard dining hall
- Defiance Dream Center - workforce development tools & supplies
- Tinora Fine Arts Boosters – grand piano for the Performing Arts Center
- Center for Child and Family Advocacy - flooring/House of Ruth
- Fort Defiance Players – lighting project at the Community Auditorium
- Courageous Community Services – recreational activities
- Community Health Professionals - grief Bags
- Friends of Independence Dam – towpath shelter
- Operation Clean Duds – laundry supplies
- The Defiance College – benches for disc golf course
- Defiance Public Library – cemetery research for Worthington project
- Zion's Innkeeper Pantry - meals and pantry items
- Hicksville Historical Society – digitizing VPN
- Holy Cross Catholic Schools – podcast supplies
- First Presbyterian Church – tools for school supplies
- One Step at a Time – suicide prevention seminar
- Defiance County Economic Development – investment in Defiance County



**Thank you to the following funds which help to support the above grants: The Beane, Boesling, Brose, Hensch, Hanna, Kaemming, Schmenk, Smart, and Wahl Family Funds. Additionally, the DAF Community Fund, William Sterling Memorial Fund, and The Defiance Clinic, Wertz, Offerle, Hospice, and Schultz Restricted Funds.**

## YELP Children's Business Fair

**Saturday May 13th from 10-4pm**

Children develop a brand, create a product or service, and then open for business at the Lilac Festival in Defiance!

For more information and to apply to the Children's Business Fair  
<https://www.childrensbusinessfair.org/defiance-ohio>



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