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Dear Friends: I can hardly believe it's August and soon kids will be back in school. Where did the summer go? It has also been a busy year for your community foundation. Total grants awarded this past year were \$454,339 to 48 non-profit organizations. We ended the year with total assets of \$6,615,484 and received gifts of \$757,396. Eight new funds were created to benefit projects and programs in Defiance County and two new legacy gifts were established. We thank our investment managers, First Federal Bank and The State Bank Wealth Management for their on-going due diligence and monitoring our assets. It is with gratitude to our members, donors, and friends that we are able to reach so many community members and change lives each and every day.

The up-coming deadline for grants is September 30th and March 31st. We will again grant 4% of our asset value as of 6/30/16. It has been an exciting year and we look forward to connecting people who care, with the needs that matter to our community for the many years to come!

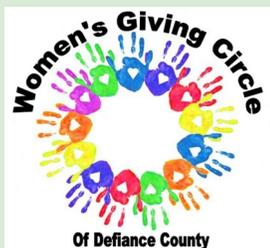
Christine Yoder, Executive Director

100 Women Strong!

Women's Giving Circle (WGC) of Defiance County recently reached a milestone of 100 Women Strong. Established in 2010, the Mission of the WGC is to support projects and programs that impact the lives of women and children through:

- ◇ Education
- ◇ Direct Projects
- ◇ Partnering with other organizations

Our purpose is to cultivate women as philanthropic leaders. We have awarded nearly \$100,000 in grants since our inception. Give us a call at (419) 782-3130 to learn more about how you can help women and children in our community!



ANNUAL MEETING

It's Showtime....

Mark your calendar for the Defiance Area Foundation Annual Meeting

Tuesday, September 27th

Huber Opera House in Hicksville

5:30 to 6:30 Cocktails

6:30 to 7:30 Dinner

7:30 to 8:30

Update on Huber History

Brief Business Meeting

Scene from the Odd Couple & Legally Blonde

Speaker: Arts and Theatre Fund

Bob & Pam Barnett

Member Spotlight:



When I was asked to be on the Donor Development Committee by Linda Brose I was honored and appreciative. I have worked in Defiance for 50 years and wanted in some way to give back to Defiance County that has been so supportive to my business. I learned how much the Defiance Area Foundation (DAF) does for our community and was proud of their way of protecting your gift. If you are from Hicksville, Ayersville, Fairview, Tinora, or Defiance you can put a plan in action to support your passion. I like the fact that YOU may control your endowment wishes for the future and it is not put into a general fund and a committee decides. DAF makes sure your contribution supports your passion, whether it is a sport or a field of interest of your choice. I am truly grateful to be a member of The Defiance Area Foundation. I greatly value the insight that Gene Smart had for our community.

-Myra English

Clothes for Kids is a new program being expanded in our Community. The Mission of Clothes for Kids is to provide elementary age school children that are from financially challenged homes, with new tennis (athletic) shoes and a new “Back to School Outfit” so children can feel good about themselves and their appearance. This program was founded and has been implemented over the past five years by one of our lifelong community supporters – Sharon Farrell, Defiance Area Foundation Board Member. We are now expanding it to support and help more children and families in Defiance County through the city and county schools.



There are three elements to this program. First and foremost we will be asking community members to donate a new outfit for elementary age school children when they start school in the fall. Secondly, we have started an endowment fund to help subsidize the purchase of additional clothes so we can help even more children. Third, you can make a monetary donation and our “shoppers” will do the shopping for you to purchase the new outfit! Please call to ask us how you can help, by calling (419) 782-3130 or e-mail chris@defianceareafoundation.org.

Helping Hands



Your spare change can change lives...

**A partnership between
The Defiance City Utilities
Office and The Defiance
Area Foundation**

What is the Helping Hands Program?

Helping Hands is a community service program that provides funding for charitable and benevolent purposes for individuals, families and organizations in our community. This program provides you and your family the opportunity to make a big impact on many lives for just pennies!

The program has been adopted by hundreds of utility companies throughout the country, and it “rounds up” your monthly bill to the next highest dollar. So, a \$64.79 utilities bill would be \$65.00 with the remaining 21 cents going to the program.

Funds may go to help obtain critical lifesaving equipment, or to rescue organizations, food banks, educational projects, child care programs and many others. Funding may also be used to provide shelter and clothing to a family devastated by a fire, or it might go toward helping defray the medical costs of a neighbor with a catastrophic illness. The need is **great** and we can only imagine all the possibilities.

Featured Fund: THE VETTER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Defiance Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) has partnered with the DAF in introducing the newly formed Cletus Vetter Memorial College Scholarship fund. During Clete’s lifetime of being a farmer, he loved to nurture the soil and watch his crops grow. Clete gave endless hours of volunteerism and was active in many organizations. He was elected to the Defiance SWCD Board of Supervisors and served from 1961 – 1981. During this time, he was also an Area 1 SWCD Director from 1979 – 1981. Clete received numerous awards and distinctions, not only at the local level but at the county and state level as well. He definitely had an impact on soil and water conservation through his farming practices and his leadership. This annual \$1,000 college scholarship is meant to bring back into focus the vital necessity and passion for resource conservation by encouraging college-bound students to consider a career in conservation, natural resources, agriculture or a related field. Your willingness to contribute towards this scholarship fund will be deeply appreciated. Together, we can make sure that the legacy of love and respect to not only his family but to the many people Clete Vetter selflessly gave himself to lives on forever through Defiance County. For questions, or to make a gift, please contact The Defiance Area Foundation (419)-782-3130.

