



## Member Feature: Deb Hench

*Community Advocate, Former Trustee and DAF Supporter, Women's Giving Circle Member, and Pharmacist—a lady who wears many hats!*

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"Gene Smart, the founder of the Defiance Area Foundation some 40 years ago, knew that supporting local civic and social organizations would impact life in Defiance County, as well as preserve our well-being during our lifetime and that of future generations. Having been a resident of Defiance County for 40 years, I agree with his thinking. I have watched as we have come together to make Defiance County a vibrant community in which to live. We have grown as caring neighbors, compassionate, mindful, and generous with our time, talents and treasures. The Defiance Area Foundation provides me with a connection to the myriad of civic and social organizations in Defiance County that need our support. Some have small projects that affect few of us, some have larger undertakings that need many of us to pull off, and some projects may continue into the next generation before being complete. All will benefit from our involvement. All will impact life in Defiance County today, tomorrow, and far into the future." - Deb Hench



## Defiance Area Foundation Collaborates with United Way of Defiance County



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The Defiance Area Foundation (DAF) has joined forces with United Way of Defiance County (UWDC) to assist and support those in need in Defiance County. Chris Yoder, executive director of the DAF connected with Carrie Wetstein, executive director of United Way of Defiance County, to discuss the opportunity to unite. The DAF has contributed \$15,000 to the United Way of Defiance County COVID-19 Emergency Fund.

Chris stated that the DAF would like to partner with UWDC by financially supporting the emergency fund and ultimately helping the Defiance County community. Our mission, to enhance, enrich, encourage, and support the Defiance County Community shows collaboration of our two organizations to combine efforts to be a difference maker to those in need in Defiance County.

To date, the UWDC Covid-19 Emergency Fund has received \$79,070.00 from local organizations to support Defiance County - \$23,850 has been distributed back into the community to Community Health Professionals, Maumee Valley Guidance Center, Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission, Ravens Care, and Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio. Donations from the fund will help the most vulnerable populations receive critical financial and social service support during this crisis, specifically increased access to emergency food and basic supplies, rent and mortgage assistance, utility assistance, and direct financial assistance for household supplies.

Prior to joining forces with the United Way, The Defiance Area Foundation committed nearly \$10,000 to several organizations, including The Defiance Area YMCA and Poplar Ridge Training Station to subsidize pandemic child-care, and Recovery Services to assist with health and human services.

During these unprecedented times, we remain committed to supporting essential services and those organizations in need. Please reach out if we can help in any way to [chris@defianceareafoundation.org](mailto:chris@defianceareafoundation.org) or 419-438-3808.

# Philanthropy Ohio Letter to Congressional Delegation

Philanthropy Ohio, our members and all Ohioans greatly appreciate your support as Congress has addressed the devastating impacts of the coronavirus pandemic: thank you. As we look to the next efforts to get our country back on track, we ask for your help in: supporting nonprofits through expanded access to loans and charitable donation incentives; assuring access to food for millions who are now out of work; and keeping people housed as paychecks disappear.

Ohio philanthropies have created more than 50 funds for emergency and community responses to the COVID-19 crisis, ranging from \$5,700 in the Chillicothe-Ross County region to \$7.1million in Greater Cleveland. These efforts have allowed over 100 funders to administer grants amounting to more than \$14.8 million to communities all across Ohio allowing those on the front-lines to: provide food access and distribution; support senior citizens; meet mental health and addiction-related needs; and improve our community's health care infrastructure (i.e. health departments, hospitals, and federally qualified health centers).

Philanthropies have nimbly stepped in to fill immediate needs of nonprofits helping Ohioans but their resources are a drop in the ocean of what is needed; we call upon the federal government to strengthen its efforts to provide significant funds to get us through the pandemic and its cascading economic effects.

Nonprofits businesses – especially small ones – are being impacted by COVID-19 and need additional resources. We are grateful that they were included in SBA loan provisions and ask you to set aside \$60 billion, in addition to more PPP dollars, to make sure America's nonprofits can continue their work. A survey of Ohio nonprofits (with over 7000 responses) detailed the pain points they face:

82% are providing services at a reduced capacity or not at all; 81% have seen a loss of revenue already; 78% have seen a decline in donations; and 47% have seen a higher demand for services.

Without significant, additional federal support, how many of Ohio's nonprofits will go out of business, leaving thousands unemployed and needing government assistance? We know from past experience that individual giving will fall and take a long time to come back, especially without any tax incentives. After the 2008 recession, we found that Ohio individual giving fell 11%, \$4.67 billion with another 7% drop the following year to \$4.36 billion, with an increase in 2010 to \$5 billion.

Ohio nonprofits employ about 11% of Ohioans, with annual revenues of over \$100 billion: let's make sure they continue to be a strong part of the workforce and economy....contact Chris for a full copy of the letter.

## Tax Benefits according to CARES:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act that was signed into law on Friday, March 27 provides a variety of relief programs for businesses and individuals. In addition to numerous tax provisions, the Act provides an incentive for Americans to support qualifying charitable organizations which benefits including:

- \$300 above-the-line charitable deduction: For the tax year beginning in 2020, the Act adds a deduction to the calculation of gross income for those who do not itemize deductions.
- Required minimum distribution requirement waived for 2020.

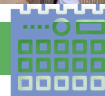
Please consult your tax advisor for further questions as to how the tax incentives can benefit you and your business.

**CANCELLED**

Ohio Women's Open is cancelled this year.



## Upcoming Events



### Virtual or in-person Meetings

- May 12 - 8:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting
- May 12 - 9:30 a.m. Project 2030 Meeting
- May 14 - 9:00 a.m. Donor Development
- May 15 - 9:00 a.m. Marketing
- May 19 - 8:00 a.m. Grants Committee
- May 28 - 7:30 a.m. Trustee Meeting

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