



Member Feature:

Aileen Meyer, Holy Cross Marketing Director

"In a recent interview with my niece, who asked me to be her confirmation sponsor, I was asked what gifts I felt I had. I explained that I have been blessed with the gift of time. I am blessed to be able to give time to my family and friends and volunteer for organizations like the Defiance Area Foundation (DAF).

I have had the pleasure to serve on numerous boards and volunteer for many great organizations in the Toledo and Defiance community and volunteering for the Defiance Area Foundation has been by far, one my most favorite volunteer experiences. I was first introduced to the Defiance Area Foundation by way of Holy Cross Catholic School (HCCS) where I work. HCCS is the beneficiary of multiple DAF funds, thanks to some very generous donors.

Chris Yoder took the time to help me understand the school's relationship with the Foundation and how the school and Foundation could work together to meet the philanthropic goals of funds donors and the school's mission. I was instantly impressed with Chris' professional acumen and welcoming demeanor. We became professional colleagues and personal friends.

Having spent over 20 years in the fund development profession, Chris approached me about serving on the Foundation's fund development committee. My experience in this capacity has exposed me to some of the inner workings at the Foundation. Defiance is fortunate to have a very well run and impactful community foundation. The board members leading the DAF are committed to improving lives in our community. They are a highly experienced, professional, and fun group of volunteer leaders.

As I came to better know the impact of the DAF, I knew I wanted to be a part of the Foundation's work by becoming a donor. My husband and I are proud to be a fund member and I know that our contributions are invested and managed with great integrity.

Most recently, I had the opportunity to be a part of developing a new program sponsored by DAF called YELP (Youth Engaging Leadership & Philanthropy). Inspiring giving and serving in our youth is a personal passion of mine, so I was very excited to be a part of this initiative. I love that the DAF is a progressive and nimble organization that responds to community needs in an efficient and timely manner. **Whatever YOUR gifts are, there is a way to make a difference with them at the Defiance Area Foundation!" - Aileen**



Aileen says, "kind people make Defiance great."



BUILDING AN *effective* NON-PROFIT BOARD

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020 AT THE DEFIANCE COLLEGE HUBBARD BANQUET ROOM

Fundraising, Friendraising and Good Governance by Dr. Marcia Sloan Latta, Vice President for University Advancement at University of Findlay in Ohio

REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: 8:30 - 9:00 AM | SEMINAR: 9:00 - 11:30 AM | Q&A: 11:30 AM

Register by emailing Chris at chris@defianceareafoundation.org | \$10 per person

DAF Fund Options

You can make a local impact by starting a charitable fund with us:

UNRESTRICTED NAMED/FAMILY FUNDS: These funds are used to support community needs, whether they be through brick and mortar, or innovative programs that support our mission: “To “Enhance, Enrich, Encourage and Support the Defiance County Community.” The donor places no restrictions on how income from these funds is to be used, leaving those decisions to the Trustees of The Foundation. The suggested minimum amount to establish this type of fund: \$5,000.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS: This type of fund is established by a donor, (either an individual or organization), and the donor recommends eligible charitable grant distributions from the fund. The recommendations are advisory and the Executive Committee/Trustees must approve grant distributions. This type of fund allows the donor to support their favorite charities while receiving a tax deduction in the year contributed. Grant distributions can then be made over a longer period of time. The suggested minimum amount to establish this type of fund: \$25,000.

RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUNDS: This type of fund is created by a not-for-profit agency or organization contributing funds to provide current income and long-term security for its operation (example: The YMCA sets up a fund to benefit its organization and used the income for operations). The suggested minimum amount to establish this type of fund: \$10,000.

DESIGNATED CHARITABLE AGENCY FUNDS: A donor may establish this type of fund for a specific charitable organization to assure support will be provided to that organization named by the donor, such as a church or non-profit organization (example: John and Jane Smith set up a fund to benefit the Fort Defiance Humane Society). The suggested minimum amount to establish this type of fund: \$10,000.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS: Either an individual donor or a organization may establish this type of fund to support a specific area of the donor’s choice. such as education, the arts, youth services, senior activities, etc. Income is used to benefit programs or organizations within the field of interest specified by the donor. The suggested minimum amount to establish this type of fund: \$10,000.

PROJECT FUNDS: This type of fund is established as a partnership between the foundation and an organization for a short-term charitable project. Under normal circumstances, project funds will be depleted as the designated project is finished. An endowment fund is also encouraged through the Foundation. The suggested minimum amount to establish this type of fund would depend on the proposed project.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS: These funds are to be used to support the knowledge and future learning of a student for educational purposes. The suggested minimum amount to establish this type of fund: \$25,000.

GENERAL UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITY FUND: The Defiance Area Foundation welcomes gifts of any denomination into the general unrestricted community fund. These grants are used to support a variety of projects and programs in Defiance County.



The Women’s Giving Circle of Defiance County Annual Meeting

March 10, 2020 at 5:30 pm—7:00 pm at Kaitlyn’s Cottage - 1260 Ralston Avenue

Cost is \$10 and includes dinner. Feature speaker is Kelly Tong presenting on the Cottage & Night to Shine event.

Please RSVP by March 3 to Annette Vander Horst at 248-830-0840 or vandy1455@twc.com.

Please consider an in-kind donation to Kaitlyn’s Cottage: Art supplies, paper towels, sensory toys, or cleaning supplies.

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

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