

## Legacy Society

Our Legacy Society offers you the opportunity to name The Defiance Area Foundation in your estate plan.

*"This Legacy Society gift fulfills one of Gene's lifelong goals. By creating a Legacy Gift, Gene would be pleased that his good work will continue to benefit the Defiance Area forever. This is something that was important to Gene and he would be pleased his good work continues on."*

- Founding Member of the Legacy Society and Gene Smart's wife, Marian Smart

OUR STORY



*As we began to discuss options for planned giving, Kathy and I both agreed that a legacy gift to The Defiance Area Foundation needed to be a part of that plan. Having served on The Foundation board, including a term as president, I was well aware of the positive impact The Foundation's grants have had throughout our area. With our decision to leave a portion of our estate to The Foundation, we hope to continue to be a part of the ongoing impact on the greater Defiance community. Defiance has truly been "a great place to live" and, in part due to the efforts of The Foundation, it will continue to be for generations to come."*

- Bill and Kathy Small

## Connecting our Corners

The Defiance Area Foundation has been serving communities within Defiance County including Hicksville, Ney and Sherwood. Being able to "Connect our Corners" within Defiance County is very important to us. By providing a vehicle for community partnerships such as The Hicksville and Sherwood Community Funds, The Defiance Area Foundation is able to bring people together and continue to strengthen grant-making in all of Defiance County.

## You can make a Difference

The Defiance Area Foundation is here to serve and work with our donors, their attorneys and accountants, trust officers and other financial advisors.

There are many ways to give to our foundation of any amount. Gifts can be made to any current fund or the donor may create a named fund with a minimum gift of \$5,000.

Please contact The Defiance Area Foundation for more information. Together we can enhance and enrich the quality of life for our children, grandchildren, and future generations.



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FOUNDATION  
Serving Defiance County



To Enhance, Enrich, Encourage, and Support the  
Greater Defiance Area





## Our Mission: “To Enhance, Enrich, Encourage, and Support the Greater Defiance Area”

### The Vision

One man had a vision. H. Eugene Smart was a true leader and worked to turn his vision into a reality. He gathered numerous community leaders together who shared a deep commitment and interest in creating a charitable foundation that would support projects and programs in Defiance County. Together, this group chartered The Defiance Area Foundation in 1979 with \$22,000 as a beginning endowment.

The Defiance Area Foundation is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit, publicly supported institution. It is a collection of funds made up of gifts, endowed funds, and bequests from individuals and corporations. These funds are pooled and invested and that income is distributed as grants. Since it is a public supported, tax-exempt corporation under IRS Code Section 501 (c) (3), all gifts are tax deductible.



*“Special thank you to the Defiance Area Foundation for their financial assistance for capital improvements to the YMCA pool this year! We appreciate your continued support.”*

Rich Seward –Executive Director

### Ways to Give Back

- ✓ Cash Contributions
- ✓ Stocks and Bonds
- ✓ Memorials and Honorariums
- ✓ Life Insurance
- ✓ Bequests
- ✓ Charitable Remainder, Lead or Annuity Trusts
- ✓ Charitable Gift Annuity
- ✓ Appreciated Property

### Why Make a Gift

#### Permanence:

Gifts given today are the building blocks for tomorrow

#### Tax Benefits:

Maximum benefits offered to members

#### Financial Management:

Maximized returns while minimizing expenses, allowing more money to be returned to the Defiance area

#### Security:

Involvement of community leaders who oversee the management and use of funds ensuring each donation will be used to benefit the community now and in the future



### Fund Designation

The Defiance Area Foundation has over 90 funds including a Community Fund, for non-designated gifts, as well as a wide variety of designated funds including Donor Advised Funds, Family Funds, Field-of-Interest Funds and Scholarship Funds. We can also create new funds to meet your philanthropic and charitable goals.



*“Pam and I have been talking for a while about possibly forming some type of fund to help support the performing arts in our area and were recently introduced to The Defiance Area Foundation and their many philanthropic activities in our community. We decided to work with the Foundation to establish a field of interest fund to support and promote the performing arts.”*

*–Dr. Robert and Pam Barnett.*

You may designate your gift to our community fund and/or choose among 90 different fund options!