



Defiance Area FOUNDATION

Serving
Defiance County

“TO ENHANCE, ENRICH, ENCOURAGE, AND SUPPORT THE GREATER DEFIANCE AREA”

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Quick Quotes

“My father used to say, ‘You can spend a lot of time making money. The tough time comes when you have to give it away properly.’ How to give something back, that’s the tough part in life.”

Lee Iacocca

“I think the great givers, the people who are fully self-actualizing and alive, are the great givers.”

Mark Victor Hansen

February 2012

Beyond Thank You

Last quarter, The Defiance Area Foundation granted its largest gift ever to benefit **Kaitlyn’s Cottage** on the campus of ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital. This gift is supporting the construction of a facility that will provide respite for families of special-needs children.

For this gift, Dan and Sharon Farrell, Kaitlyn Shock and family said,

“Dear Chris, We want to express our gratitude to you and to all the members of the Defiance Area Foundation for your overwhelming support of Kaitlyn’s Cottage! We are humbled by your efforts! Thank You is not adequate!”

The Defiance Area Foundation also awarded a grant through a Donor-Advised Fund to Defiance Elementary School to help with



the cost of sending Fifth Grade Students to Camp Storer.

“Without these funds, at least four students, probably more, would not have been able to come up with all or part of the money required for camp. Thank You!!”

The City of Defiance has a restricted Kid’s Creation Fund. Their recent distribution was used for the purchase of security cameras at Kid’s Creation in Diehl Park.

“There has been no vandalism at the location of Kid’s Creation Park, (our new cameras have) stopped a lot of the expense to the City’s budget and to labor hours. It’s kept the park cleaner for those who use it.”

This fiscal year, The Defiance Area Foundation has granted \$91,683 to the community from its Unrestricted and Restricted Funds. Thank you for your gifts that continue to make a difference throughout Defiance County

Our New Addition

Introducing Vicki Caryer as our newest staff member to the Defiance Area Foundation. Vicki is a graduate of Tinora High School, Four County Joint Vocational School, and Northwest State Community College majoring in Applied Business. She brings nearly 20 years of accounting and finance skills to the Foundation.

Her primary responsibilities will be managing our new accounting system, Community Pearl. Vicki most recently worked for Cooper Farms as an Accounts Receivable Clerk, the City of Defiance Utility Billing Office as a billing manager, and ten years with Beckman Chevrolet in various accounting, finance and marketing positions.

Vicki resides north of Defiance with her husband, Gary, and son, Dylan. Her hobbies include horseback riding, gardening and camping.

Vicki started working at the DAF in December and will be replacing Heather when she relocates to Michigan with her family.



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Grants Awarded

The Grants Review Committee of the Defiance Area Foundation met recently to consider several grant proposals from the community. After careful consideration, three grant requests from the Defiance Area Foundation's General Fund were presented to the Board of Trustees and subsequently approved:

Historic Homes of Defiance – received a Capstone Grant to complete a community clock tower in triangle park. This clock tower would be placed at the north end of the park on Clinton Street.

Defiance Area Society for the Handicapped- The DASH organization received a grant for waterproof filing cabinets to protect their patient files and digital media.

Henry County Health Department – received a grant to cover the cost of free dental care for uninsured Defiance County residents.

This fiscal year, the Defiance Area Foundation has granted a total of \$71,062 from its Unrestricted Fund. All Unrestricted Grants are supported by the Defiance Area Foundation General Fund, and the Beane, Brose, Hench and Schmenk Family Funds.

Thank you to the Grants Review Committee for their time and dedication to The Defiance Area Foundation: Mike Steyer (chair), Linda Brose, Jeff Fogt, John Jacob, Anne Murray, Jerry Overmier and Doug Shindler.



Fund Spotlight: Johnson Memorial Library Fund

The Hicksville community is an important part of The Defiance Area Foundation—Serving Defiance County. The village has received numerous grants from The Foundation, and Hicksville residents are giving back by creating new funds with The Foundation, too.

Last year, the Hicksville Community Fund was created to ensure the area continues to receive grants for the benefit of the village.

More recently, the Johnson Memorial Library Foundation established a new fund with The DAF for the benefit of the Hicksville library.

This fund was made possible through a bequest to the Johnson Memorial Library Foundation. Seeing a benefit to partnering with The Defiance Area Foundation, the library's foundation board recently signed an agreement to create the Johnson Memorial Library Fund.

Future grants from this fund will be used for projects related to building and grounds at the library.

We are thankful for the continued collaboration with our friends in Hicksville.

Anyone interested in growing the fund is welcome to make gifts to it through The Defiance Area Foundation.

New Funds:

The Defiance Area Foundation has recently partnered with two groups/families to create new Funds:

- ★The Johnson Memorial Library Fund
- ★The Callan Family Donor-Advised Fund

The DAF offers a variety of different Funds to suit the varying needs of families, organizations, schools, churches, businesses and more.

To learn more about creating your own Fund through the DAF, contact us at 419-782-3130, or visit www.defianceareafoundation.org

Family Funds—Get One!

Do you give to multiple charities every year? Do you want to streamline your gifts and get it all done with one check? If the answer is “yes” then you should consider setting up a Family Donor-Advised Fund through The Defiance Area Foundation.

Let us do your legwork. Through a Family Donor-Advised Fund, the Foundation can facilitate all of your charitable gifts.

Want to learn more about how easy it is to set up a Family Donor-Advised Fund? Contact Christine Yoder, Executive Director, at 419-782-3130, or defoundation@defnet.com

Who Knew?

Do you want to tell your friends, business associates, club members or organizations more about The Defiance Area Foundation?

Ask Executive Director Christine Yoder to make a presentation at your next meeting or gathering.

Presentations can be small, intimate gatherings of a few friends, or larger with a Power-Point presentation and a Q&A session.

Want to book a presentation? Call 419-782-3130.

Our Wish List

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for your gift of a
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