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Dear Friends:

What can be accomplished in a 6 month time frame? Your Community Foundation has been hard at work and has granted \$191,469 to 34 organizations. Our remaining community grant funding available to spend during our next grant cycle (due March 31) is \$10,943. If you know of an organization in need of funding, please direct them our way. Thank you to the donors who have contributed over \$673,000 the first half of our fiscal year. Our assets have exceeded \$7.2 million and this is largely due to the generosity of the community, members, and friends of The Foundation. We thank you for your continued support.

Our work is not done. Please take a look on the reverse side of the ways you can support your passions through The Defiance Area Foundation. A community gift is the broadest type of gift that supports any need in Defiance County. A donor or organization can establish an endowment fund or field of interest fund that supports what is important to them. A donor advised fund can be established by an individual or family to support their goals and passions. Your gift is an investment in your community. Our non-profit organizations exist in our community because of your generous hearts! We thank you.

-Chris Yoder—Executive Director

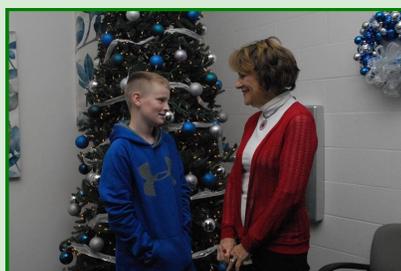


The Defiance City School Foundation

Making a difference in our Community—this is the history of giving...

FUNDING	2013	2014	2015	2016
Mini-Grants	\$13,755	\$14,700	\$14,750	\$15,191
Scholarships	\$10,847	\$11,500	\$12,497	\$12,726

Thank you to Bill and Carol Koester for making a gift to The Defiance City School Foundation Campaign. Thanking Bill Koester, is Anne Murray, Past President of The Defiance City Schools Foundation.



The Rodenberger Family Trust recently supported The Defiance City Schools Foundation. Ann Melton, 2017 Board President, is pictured thanking Grant Rodenberger for their family donation.

If you wish to support Defiance City Schools, there is still time to make a gift. Contact The Foundation or the Defiance City Schools for more information.



Member Spotlight:



As a founding member of the Legacy Society, I strongly believe in the purpose & integrity of The Defiance Area Foundation (DAF) and how DAF benefits our community. I've also been a Trustee and part of the team that introduced DAF's benefits to multiple groups and individuals who now are supporters. I encourage you to introduce DAF to others as well.

I believe DAF fills a great niche. By naming DAF's general fund in our estate plan, DAF is the vehicle we can donate through to give back to our community, as an endowment after we are gone, with the confidence of it being run by community leaders addressing the needs at that time.

My wife Christine & I stay connected to the Defiance area through our community service & staying active in our boys' (Dez & Zack) activities. Chris is the co-facilitator of the Parent-Teacher Partnership project, member of Women's Giving Circle, Defiance Community VBS, teaches at St Paul's UMC Youth Wednesday Nights, and an active Soccer Mom! I also volunteer with Defiance County Economic Development Office, Defiance Optimists, chair the DAF Donor Development Committee, Coach Indoor Soccer & help with the Boy Scouts. Another fun upcoming event is my helping with teaching & juggling on stage for DHS's spring musical "Barnum" this March. We encourage you to get involved and be part of your community and the DAF!

-Jay Hanson

Perfect Timing: New Year—New Giving

Families and individuals have hundreds of reasons for creating a fund to benefit others. One of the most popular options through The Defiance Area Foundation is a Donor Advised Fund, which allows donors to take an active role in the grant making process. Below is some general information about the benefits and types of funds:

Donor Advised Fund:

- Allows you to take an active role in your grant making and provides maximum flexibility for you to make recommendations regarding grants from your fund.
- Relieves you of administrative responsibilities. The Foundation facilitates compliance with financial, legal and tax requirements.
- Field of Interest Fund—Allows our donors the opportunity to support interests important to them (music, education, health & human services, etc.)
- Endowment Funds—Allows the donor or organization to direct funding to specific causes they care about.
- Scholarship funds—An educational scholarship fund can be established for a specific field of interest or level of education.
- Named funds—Donor can establish a fund in their name to leave a lasting legacy for their family and future generations.

Other Funding Options:

- Community Fund—Gifts can be made in any amount and allows The Foundation to respond to changing times and address community needs.



Rod Martin and Leesa Battershell

Veteran's Memorial Park—Hicksville

I was extremely honored when Chris asked me to represent The Defiance Area Foundation at the ceremony to honor the Hicksville Area Veterans and the construction of their Veterans Memorial Park. As a Veteran myself, the hearing of TAPS played at the end of the ceremony brought tears to my

eyes, as it did to many of those who attended. Leesa Battershell, Hicksville Mayor Diane Collins and Senator

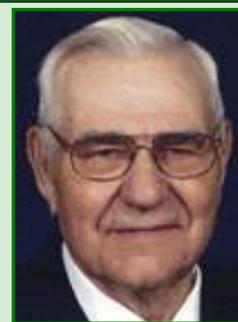
Cliff Hite surely distinguished themselves with their remarks, as did the Color Guard that raised O' Glory during the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. The people of the Hicksville community have a lot to be proud of with the completion of this beautiful area. Mary and I enjoyed our visit and are thankful The Foundation supported this park to honor all branches of the military.

I urge everyone to go see for yourself. Take a trip to Hicksville to see what an impact your grant dollars have made!
-Rod Martin



Featured Fund: Cletus Vetter Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Vetter Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by the Defiance Soil & Water Conservation District in memory of Cletus Vetter. Cletus was a man who leaves a legacy of love and respect to not only his family, but to the many people he selflessly gave himself to. He was a lifelong farmer who loved to nurture the soil and watch his crops grow. Scholarships from this fund are available to Defiance County residents pursuing a degree in conservation, natural resources or agricultural.



Thank you (left) to Jason Roehrig, District Administrator of the Defiance Soil and Water Conservation, Alice Vetter, and Daniel Vetter and the entire Vetter family for their support. For every \$25,000 in gifts raised, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to qualified students. Please contact the Foundation office or the Defiance Soil and Water Conservation District for more information on making a gift or requesting a scholarship.