



Defiance Area FOUNDATION

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

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You can retire from a job, but don't ever retire from making extremely meaningful contributions in life.

- Stephen Covey

Stephen Covey defined proactivity as “carrying your own weather with you.” On good days, I have definitely felt this way. On those long, dark, blustery days, I think, “Really Dr. Covey—you didn’t live in Northwest Ohio!” I do love the change of the seasons and look forward to springtime, longer sunny days, and summer vacation! As I count my blessings

during this post-holiday season, I would like to thank you—our members, friends and donors, for your continued support. During the six months ended 12/31/13, our grants to Defiance County totaled \$230,000; our gifts received exceeded \$404,000; and we made grants to over 30 non-profit organizations. It is exciting to be a part of the blessings in this Community.

-Chris Yoder, Executive Director

Many of our donors have requested the opportunity to donate on-line. We have recently partnered with Network for Good to accept on-line gifts. Please visit our website www.defianceareafoundation.org and click on the **donate** link for more information.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



As a resident of Defiance for 35 years, I have witnessed the enormous caring and giving hearts of the people of the Defiance area. Whether in my job as a pharmacist at Mercy Defiance Clinic, or in my church, or in the organizations to which I belong, I see neighbors stepping up to help their neighbors. My membership in the Women's Giving Circle has opened my eyes to supports for women and children and dads that I didn't know existed in the Defiance area. My involvement in the Medical Reserve Corps through the Health Department has introduced me to people who are prepared with a plan to get us through community-wide traumas. Through my involvement with Defiance College and the Hench Autism Studies Program I have met students and administrators whose concern for individuals with autism has become their passion. The generosity of the people of the Defiance area has truly touched me.

I have been a trustee of the Defiance Area Foundation for just over a year. It is an honor for me to be part of an organization that coordinates incredible donors and donations with the phenomenal causes of the Defiance area. It is exciting to see so many families and organizations who care — give back to the Defiance community and to choose the Foundation as the means in which to do that.

-Deb Hench, Trustee

NEW FUNDS CREATED THIS FISCAL YEAR:

Conquer Childhood Cancer Now Fund

This fund was created to assist in treatment and cure of all cancer in children and to raise awareness and education.



DHS Bulldog Girls Tennis Scholarship Fund

This fund was created to be used for post-secondary education by providing scholarships at qualified institutions for members of Defiance High School Girls Tennis Team.



Central Local School District Fund

The Fairview Schools Fund was established to benefit students and teachers at Fairview Schools. Mini-grants and scholarships will be awarded annually and approved by an Advisory Committee of school and community members. Funds may also be used for motivational and keynote speakers.

Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund will benefit employees and members of the Chamber of Commerce, and their spouses and dependents. This could represent over 20,000 community members. Call the Chamber for an application!



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Share the Gift of Giving this Spring

Giving Certificates are available for all funds at Defiance Area Foundation.

CPC Women's Health Resource Fund

This fund was created to assist in the Mission of CPC— to help women in our community by providing *help, hope and healing.*



St. Paul's United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund

This fund recognizes graduating seniors who are pursuing education beyond high school who have:

- * participated in the activities of St. Paul's
- * demonstrated an understanding of the Bible
- * participated in some mission of the church
- * shown community involvement through other activities



PLEASE CONTACT THE FOUNDATION OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS ON ANY OF THE ABOVE FUNDS.