



Grant Recipient Feature

Defiance Dream Center's Workforce Development Program

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The Defiance Dream Center's workforce development program is built upon our passion to holistically meet the needs of individuals in our community.

Our program is different from others because we infuse foundational elements of our life coaching program into the training. This infusion acts as a bedrock for character development, empowerment to achieve desired goals and reinforcement through consistent encouragement.

We partner with Northwest State Community College, Ohio Means Jobs, Defiance County Economic Development and now Defiance High School to bring in demand training to many learners who have historically been overlooked or viewed as unwilling to learn.

We currently offer training in three different educational tiers focused on automotive, construction trades and welding. We hope to launch an administrative support and customer service training curriculum in 2022. Since delving into the area of workforce development in mid-2018 the Defiance Dream Center has helped 65 individuals find employment and/or receive job-readiness training.



Thanks to the support of the Defiance Area Foundation our first high school class graduated from our program in May 2021. Six young men were identified by Principal Jerger and Superintendent Morton as candidates for our program because of their belief these young men could excel in our non-traditional educational setting where a hands-on approach to learning is the primary vehicle to achievement. These six young men earned high school credit from DHS in Construction Skills Basic

Training and a Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt from N.S.C.C. while also receiving proclamations from Senator Rob McColley and Representative Craig Riedel. Article and photos provided by Defiance Dream Center

End of Year Impact (2020-2021)

\$508,869 GRANTED

\$13,458,223 IN ASSETS

**106 ORGANIZATIONS
IMPACTED**

**\$5,628,674 GRANTED SINCE INCEPTION
RETURN ON INVESTMENTS OVER 25%**

365 DONORS MADE 572 GIFTS

TOTAL GIFTS \$590,964



Kaitlyn's Cottage— Grant Recipient

Good Citizen Award Nominations are Open

This prestigious award, endowed by the Laurie and Mike McCann Family began in 2015 and is presented annually to one of Defiance area's outstanding citizens. *Each nominee must be or have been:*

1. A promoter (individual or couple) of the Defiance Area for 10 +years.
2. Active in unpaid positions in orgs. providing services to Defiance County.
3. In a leadership position of a nonprofit and/or volunteer.
4. Associated with at least one outstanding accomplishment in Defiance County.



*Contact Chris Yoder
for more info. &
application form.*



Contact Us...

Please contact us for more information on how to get involved in The Defiance Area Foundation...

- to receive grant funding
- To learn more about ways to give
- To become a member or join a committee
- To attend one of our upcoming events



Reminder...

**Grant Applications due
September 30th**



Save these dates

Project 2030 Back to School Event

August 28th at the Splash Pad from 10 a.m. to noon

DAF Annual Meeting

September 21st at Iron Horse Brews at 5:30 p.m.

Women's Giving Circle Fall Meeting

September 23rd at State Bank Gazebo at 6 p.m.

Grant Writing Workshop

October 29th at Defiance Dream Center at 9 a.m.

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

