

## Message from the Director



We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generosity and support of The Defiance Area Foundation and Defiance County. We have been blessed with contributions this year of \$2,271,614 from 7/1/22 to 6/30/23. Our support of Defiance County through grant giving totaled \$964,053. It is through your philanthropic giving that thousands of lives are touched and organizations receive programming and additional services. Thank you for supporting The Defiance Area Foundation. – Chris Yoder



## Project 2030 As of June 30, 2023

- Total members and visionaries – 78
- Total amount paid into the fund \$217,269.90
- Total gift commitment \$326,360.68

### Total members and visionaries

**\$326,360.68**

**Goal \$500,000**

### Total gift commitment

**78**

**Goal 100**

**We are over halfway toward our goal. If you would like additional information, please contact [dani@defianceareafoundation.org](mailto:dani@defianceareafoundation.org).**

## achi Hope Fund

When residents of a community are healthy and thriving, that community will flourish. The achi Hope Fund helps individuals through some of life's tough challenges by ensuring that their basic needs are met such as food, clothing, temporary housing, repairs to home or home goods, car repairs, rent/mortgage/security deposits, utilities, childcare, and more.

The achi Hope Fund also helps support the Caching Memories program. Caching Memories virtually connects socially isolated older adults to college students on a weekly basis via phone or computer to build relationships and share stories from their lives. This provides the older adult with an avenue to reminisce, share their stories, and improve their sense of connection to the world around them. At the end of the program, the stories shared are captured in a keepsake book for the older adult to continue to engage and connect with others, including family, friends, and caregivers.

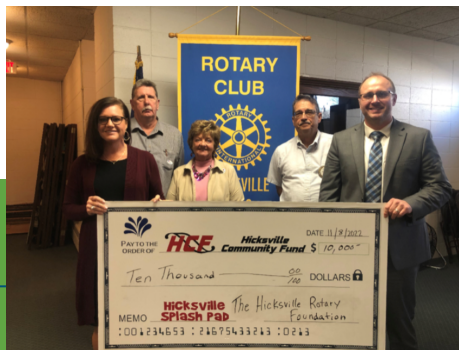
Meeting personal basic needs keeps individuals happy and healthy, and positively impacts the community at large. If you wish to make a gift to support this work, please visit the Defiance Area Foundation website, clicking Donate Now, scrolling to the bottom to the donate button, and putting achi in the note section. Thank you for your support!



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# Hicksville Splash Pad

"In the spring of 2022 Dennis and Betty Guilford came forward and offered to donate \$200,000 to the Hicksville Community if a splash pad could be built. Since then many people, businesses, and other organizations have stepped forward and donated more than \$700,000 towards the \$800,000 goal. Thanks to the generosity of many people including the Defiance Area Foundation, the new aquatics facility is hoping to open summer of 2024."



## The Ann Melton Teacher Scholarship Fund



**"Every student could succeed if properly motivated"-conversations of Ann and Terry Melton.**

Ann was a beautiful soul. She poured her heart into teaching for 37 years. She helped to shape the lives of countless students within the Defiance School System where she inspired students to exceed their own expectations. Ann instilled in her students a belief in their own abilities and passion for success. Her dedication and enthusiasm made her a beloved teacher, and her students flourished under her guidance.

The Melton Family First Generation Scholarship Fund was established by Terry and Ann in 2019 to benefit first-generation college students. Since established three students have benefited from their generosity.

In honor and memory of Ann's contribution to lifelong learning and education, The Ann Melton Teacher Scholarship Fund has been established through The Defiance Area Foundation to benefit education majors at Defiance High School. The inaugural scholarship will be awarded in the spring of 2024. Please contact The Defiance Area Foundation for more information.



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