



# Defiance Area FOUNDATION

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

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Dear Friends:

This year, we celebrate 35 years of giving back to Defiance County. Thank you for your support and generosity in helping us fulfill our Mission, “to enhance, enrich, encourage and support the greater Defiance area. We granted \$356,982 to 38 non-profit organizations and benefited thousands of lives. Our assets grew to \$6,194,538 compared to \$5,225,663 (as of 6/30/13) and we created 11 new funds. Gifts last year totaled \$539,025. We thank our investment managers, First Federal Bank and The State Bank Wealth Management for posting returns of 14.94% and 14.66% respectively. It is with gratitude to our members, donors, and friends that we are able to reach so many community members and change lives each and every day.

Our Board of Trustees approved a change in our grants cycle to semi-annual and grants will be awarded in October and April. The deadline for grants will be September 30th and March 31st. We will again grant 4% of our asset value as of 6/30/14.

It has been an exciting year and we look forward to connecting people who care, with the needs that matter to our community for the many years to come!  
-Christine Yoder, Executive Director

### Did you know?...

When it comes to charitable giving, Americans were feeling very benevolent last year. Giving USA: Annual Report on Philanthropy, revealed that Americans donated an estimated \$335.17 billion to charitable causes in 2013. The study also revealed:

- ◇ Giving by individuals rose 2.7% in 2013 to \$240.60 billion
- ◇ Giving by foundations increased 4.2% to \$48.96 billion
- ◇ Giving by corporations fell 3.2% to \$17.88 billion
- ◇ Bequests increased 7.2% to \$27.73 billion

### Giving back...

Grants made from our unrestricted fund last quarter:

- ◇ Challenge Day—Defiance County Schools
- ◇ Defiance County Furniture Bank—bed frames & mattresses
- ◇ DASH - wheelchairs

Grants from Restricted Funds include:

Holy Cross—Fort Defiance Humane Society—Defiance College— Auglaize Village— Boy Scouts— YMCA— Ayersville Education Foundation—Defiance City Schools Foundation— Village of Sherwood— ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital



**Congratulations!**

### *Member Spotlight:*



**I**t is truly an honor to serve as a member of the Defiance Area Foundation. I first became interested in the mission of the Foundation a few years ago, when Christine Yoder made a presentation to the Hicksville Rotary Club. I was excited to see this organization reaching out to all parts of Defiance County, and into Northwest Ohio, to support and enrich the lives of all who live here.

I have been a member for less than two years, but I have seen first-hand many of the success stories made possible by the Foundation, and am proud to be part of this great organization. I have enjoyed serving on the Scholarship Committee, as one of my duties, and look forward to doing my part where needed.

“Even the smallest act of caring for another person is like a drop of water - it will make ripples throughout the entire pond.” I have loved this quote, and it makes me think of the generous donors who have selected the Foundation as a way to contribute to the enhancement of our area.  
-Sue Dangler

**We** are thankful to our members, ambassadors, friends, donors and community supporters who helped us reach our \$6 million milestone this year. We are blessed to have given away over \$2.3 million to Defiance County since our inception in 1979. We are thankful to the donors and organizations who have partnered with us and we now have over 70 funds under the Foundation umbrella. As we look at a breakdown of grant requests in our unrestricted funds, we have received over \$350,000 in requests the past two years. We have approximately \$75,000 to award annually from the unrestricted pool (the fund over which our Foundation Board of Trustees can exercise discretion). This has encouraged us to take a look at how to grow our unrestricted funds so we can support more projects and programs in Defiance County. We are thankful for your continued support over the past 35 years and look forward to the future with optimism and excitement.

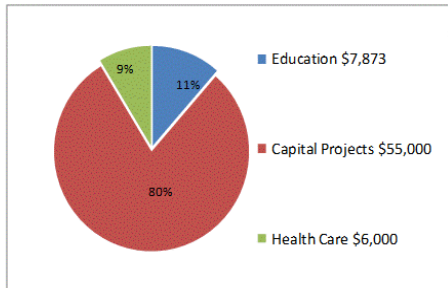
### Unrestricted Funds Grants 2012-2014

#### 2012-2013

Total requested \$164,721  
 3/31/2013 \$65,500  
 9/30/2012 \$75,172

**Total available and granted \$68,873**

#### Unrestricted Grants Approved

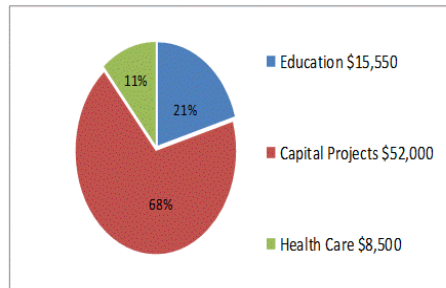


#### 2013-2014

Total requested \$195,020  
 3/31/2014 \$107,520  
 9/30/2013 \$87,500

**Total available and granted \$76,050**

#### Unrestricted Grants Approved



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**Ayersville Education FOUNDATION**

The Ayersville Education Foundation is in the initial phases of the establishment of a scholarship fund honoring former teacher, football coach and girls' basketball coach, Craig McCord, who served the district for over 35 years. The intent is to raise \$10,000 and award an annual scholarship to an Ayersville graduate from the earnings of the scholarship. The scholarship will be to recognize a scholar-athlete. Additional criterion will be determined at a later date. To date the Foundation has received donations totaling \$1,925.00. Those interested in contributing to the fund can send donations to the Defiance Area Foundation earmarked for the McCord scholarship fund.

#### Congratulations to the recent scholarship awards:

- ◇ Lisa Yoder Memorial Scholarship:
  - \* Kurtis Kahle
- ◇ Defiance Metal Products Scholarship Fund:
  - \* Mary Simmons
  - \* Clayton Long
  - \* Kayley Holeman
  - \* Jalen Gentit
  - \* Andrew Recker
  - \* Derek Mohr
  - \* Justin Adams
  - \* Stephanie Grunden
- ◇ Fairview Football Scholarship Fund
  - \* Kaleb Eisel
- ◇ Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce
  - \* Allison Weber
- ◇ 4-H Scholarship Fund
  - \* Kristine Culler
- ◇ Fairview Schools Fund
  - \* Rose Mansel-Pleydell
  - \* Mary (Carly) Sprow



Mark your calendar for our Annual Meeting: September 23 at The Defiance College  
 5:30 to 6:30 Cocktails—6:30 to 7:30 Dinner—7:30 to 8:30 Brief Business Meeting and Grant Recipients