



Welcome Cindy!

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"I am excited to be working with Chris and Dani and be part of this amazing foundation that does so much for our community. It is a great fit for me in this chapter of my life.

I have been married to Bill for 45 years and we enjoy spending time with friends, golfing, and bike riding. We have two sons, Joe who is a sales manager for REI in Columbus and Steve who lives here in Defiance and owns Headquarters Barbershop in Sherwood. Both are married and have one daughter each.

I recently retired from Koester Corporation after twenty-one years and now get to spend more time with our beautiful granddaughters, Charlotte (6) and Emilia (3).

Prior to Koester Corporation, I worked for Steyer, Huber & Associates (now Shultz, Huber & Associates) for eleven years. I have an associate's degree in accounting and thirty-three years accounting experience." - Cindy Wendell



\$55,334 Granted to 13 Organizations

Congrats to our second round of Grant Recipients!

Many of these grants are made possible in part to the Beane, Brose, Hanna, Hench, Schmenk, Smart and Wahl Families Unrestricted Funds, along with the Defiance Clinic Charitable and Educational Foundation Fund.

The Defiance Dream Center: Workforce development

Defiance YMCA: Refinish gymnasium floors

The Defiance College: Computer upgrades and transformation of forensic space and science lab

Defiance Development and Visitor's Bureau: Downtown public restroom facilities

The Ark Arts and Learning Academy: Funding to upgrade pre-school that was shut down to COVID

Fort Defiance Humane Society: Scale, microscope, beds

Ayersville Football Program: New trap chute for practice



Furniture Bank
Dennis Gable & Jerry Overmier



Ayersville Trap Shoot
Chris Dales & Rod Martin

Junior Achievement: Programming in Defiance County

Defiance County Furniture Bank: Furniture and appliances for families in Defiance County

Project 2030: Seed money for promotion and matching gifts

Serenity Haven: Programs and supplies for women

House of Ruth: Programs and supplies for women

NEW: Audrey Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund

Audrey was the daughter of John and Cheryl Davis of Hicksville, Ohio. She was only 22 when she died unexpectedly of natural causes while home on Christmas break. This scholarship started as a senior project by former Hicksville student, Brooklyn Graber, to honor Audrey's memory.

Audrey was known for her positive attitude, her unique spirit, her zest for life, and her talent for writing. She was a 2015 graduate of Hicksville High School and attended Miami University in Oxford majoring in journalism and history. Her sense of adventure led her to participate in a study abroad program, travel to 15 countries, and intern for a magazine in Luxembourg. She was passionate about helping those in need and volunteered at Good Samaritan School where her brother Johnny was a student, and worked summers as a counselor at Camp Joy where she served children with life challenging situations. She touched many lives during her short time on earth.

To apply for this scholarship, you must be a member of, or have participated in one (or more) of the following for a total of four years: Cheerleading, National Honor Society, and/or Drama Productions. Learn more at <http://defianceareafoundation.org/links/scholarships>



Upcoming Meetings

Virtual or In-person

May - YELP Meeting TBD

May 27 - 5:30 p.m. Project 2030 Annual Meeting

July 13 - 9:00 a.m. Donor Development

July 15 - 9:00 a.m. Marketing Committee

July 22 - Trustee Meeting

September 21 - DAF Annual Meeting



*The YELPers showed up for **Clean Up Your Parks Day!** Thank you to the students and families for your support in investing back into our community. We are inspired by your energy and joy while serving!*


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