

NEWSLETTER January 2021

New Scholarship Women's Giving Circle

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In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Women's Giving Circle of Defiance County and more than 10 years of support and service to Defiance County causes, the Circle's Advisory Board is pleased to announce the creation of a scholarship to assist Defiance County women in attaining their educational goals.

The scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded for the first time in the Spring of 2021 for Fall 2021 classes. Preferred applicants are women who have entered or returned to college at a non-traditional age and who will be attending either Defiance College or Northwest State Community College. <u>Visit our website for more info.</u>
Application is due April 30, 2021.



DAF Scholarship Committee

Jake Oberlin – Chair Sheri Steyer Dennis Gable Diane Zeigler Todd Harpest

A note from the Director

As we begin 2021, make a commitment to yourself to relax, restore and fill your own cup. This past year was one of caution, sacrifice, and loss. Many of us spent time taking care of loved ones and our community.

"Be kinder to yourself. And then let your kindness flood the world." - Pema Chodron

Self-care is vital to healthy living. A brief walk, enjoy nature, connect with a friend. Be well . -- Chris Yoder



New: Cody Rahe Scholarship

Cody Rahe was a man that often put the needs of others before his own. This is how he became a Varsity Assistant Softball Coach at Fremont Ross High School. His wife, Megan, needed help and he volunteered. Cody gave 100% of himself to support his wife and support the athletes in the softball program in a positive fashion. Megan has established this fund to provide a financial opportunity to softball athletes that exhibit this attitude of selflessness/ giving and plan to continue their education and/or training beyond high school. Learn more.

NEW: Virginia Lenhart Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Virginia Vaughn Lenhart Scholarship is a \$1000 award to be given to a graduating senior of Defiance High School who strives for academic excellence and is poised to make a positive impact in their future.

A beloved educator and lifelong Defiance resident, Virginia Vaughn Lenhart (DHS Class of '39) believed dearly in the power and the gift of education. She was proud to receive her college degree in Education from Bowling Green State University and used it to assist others as a teacher and tutor throughout her lifetime. She believed in academic excellence, for which this scholarship is to be awarded.

Selection for this scholarship will be made by The Defiance Area Foundation Scholarship Committee. Eligible applicants must be a Defiance High School senior graduating with a GPA of 3.5 or higher in all four years of High School. Application deadline is April 30, 2021 and you can <u>download the application on our website</u>.

Do you want to be a part of something BIG?

"We are excited to use this project as way to teach and pass along our passion for giving back to our daughters." - Savanna Weber, Project 2030 Committee

We are looking for Project 2030 Partners that will commit to donating 1 share (\$25) a month for 10 years. This is a total commitment of \$3,000 over 10 years. And donors that reach this goal will be eligible to become a member of the DAF!

NEW: Visionary Level is a \$10,000 donation. Voting shares are capped, but donor will be recognized on all Project 2030 communications and the DAF website.

Learn more!



Weber Family



Upcoming Meetings

Virtual or In-person

February 11 - 9:15 a.m. Project 2030

April 8 - 9:00 a.m. Marketing

April 14 - 8:00 a.m. Grants Committee

April 15 - 8:00 a.m. Scholarship

April 16 - 8:00 a.m. Donor Development

April 16 - 9:00 a.m. YELP

April 22 - 7:30 a.m. Trustee



A list of scholarships can be found at defianceareafoundation.org/links/scholarships or click here:





School Foundation is wrapping up their campaign!



defianceareafoundation.org/ defiance-city-schools-foundation

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





