

# **NEWSLETTER** July 2022

# Message from the Director:

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Blessings to you and I hope you are making joyful memories with your family and friends this summer and visiting some of your favorite places. As we close our fiscal year, the Board and Staff would like to extend our gratitude for your continued support of The Defiance Area Foundation and those we serve. Your generosity has supported our mission and enabled us to grant \$633,111 to worthwhile projects and programs in our community this year. Please see below for our end-of-year Community Impact. We humbly thank you for your support. Be well friends – Chris Yoder

#### PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE AUGUST 2ND!

### **End of Year Community Impact:**



Granted: \$633,111 Total assets: \$12,440,015 Organizations impacted: 134 Grants since inception \$6,770,655 Received 872 gifts from 477 donors

Grant to The Defiance College from the Hubbard Family Fund to support two scholarships. Pictured (L to R) are Richanne Mankey – Defiance College President, Tom Hubbard, and Chris Yoder – DAF Executive Director.

## Project 2030 Update: 6/30/2022

- » 54 Participating Families & Individuals (Our goal is 100!)
- 11 Visionary Donors \$10,000+ commitment (Thank you!)
- \$156,700 Total donations (In the fund)
- \$275,700- Total commitments (Goal \$500,000 in the fund by the year 2030!)

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Mary Mulvaney is new to the Defiance Area Foundation and is excited to get more involved in the Defiance community through DAF and its work, including Project 2030 and improvements at Independence Dam Park. Mary is also a member of the Women's Giving Circle of Defiance County.

Mary and fiancé Bryan Keller met in high school in Northern Indiana and reconnected in 2019. After college, Mary moved to New York to pursue a career in corporate law, and she raised her three daughters there. In 2023 Mary will be the Chair of the Antitrust Section of the New York State Bar Association. Mary has been active in her local parish, school Mothers' Club, and the Northern Indiana Community Foundation. Bryan, CEO of Keller Logistics Group, moved to Defiance after college and raised his family here. Bryan (also a member of The Defiance Area Foundation) has been involved in the Defiance community for many years through Defiance Community Improvement Corp (Economic Mary's Catholic Church, Holy Cross Advisory Board, Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees, The Optimist Club, and was a founding member of Toastmasters.

Mary and Bryan also contribute to the Defiance Dream Center and various Defiance-area projects. Currently, they are focused on refurbishing and renovating the buildings at 300-304 Clinton, and they look forward to enjoying Defiance and all it has to offer for many years to come.

## **Good Citizen Award Nomination**

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. In addition to this fund maintained through the Defiance Area Foundation, the family established the following criteria to qualify for the award. Each nominee must be or have been:

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

Nominations must be received by the Defiance Area Foundation by August 10th, 2022 to be considered for the award.

Please submit the completed nomination forms to: The Defiance Area Foundation

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Fairview Football Scholarship Fund Easton Kime, Brady Karzynow and Ethan Grant and Don Hange.

Defiance Metal Products Hailey Bok • Jacob Stiltner • Nathaniel Lawinsky

for the 2021-2022 Year!

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Congratulations to the following

scholarship recipients on their awards

- Lisa Yoder Memorial Scholarship Bryce Bailey • Cole Commisso • Ellie Rose • Nolan Schafer
- Cletus Vetter Memorial Scholarship Jacob Stiltner
- Defiance City School Foundation Madilyn Coler • Keaton Linebrink • Kameron Brown Grace Rittenour • Alex Hoeffel • Madison Daniels (renewal) Wetstein, Chloe (renewal)
- Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce Grace Rittenour

- Virginia Lenhart Memorial Scholarship Fund Boston Briseno
- Melton Family First Generation Scholarship Boston Briseno
- Fairview Schools Fund Jacob Pollard • Ethan Grant • Ethan Underwood • Stephanie Robinson Brooke Phillips • Andrea Macsay • Nathaniel Adkins • Samantha Rohrs Kaitlyn Zeedyk • Marissa Sims • Meyer, Elizabeth (Libby)
- Cody Rahe Scholarship Fund Faith Beaver
- Audrey Davis Memorial Scholarship Emily Harmon
- Election Ambassador Scholarship Kyler Baird (Hicksville)

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