



Project 2030 Committee Members Spotlight

Jake & Bridget Oberlin



Jake and Bridget Oberlin are currently serving on the committee to bring the new Project 2030 Fund to life. Project 2030 is a pledge-driven field of interest project fund under the Defiance Area Foundation (DAF) that is designed to generate seed funding for a final project in 2030.

The final project will be submitted by community members and voted on by Project 2030 donors. The project will be targeted to meet a special need or be an exciting new venture in Defiance County.

Both Jake and Bridget are very active in the community. Jake is also a DAF Board of Trustees Member and Chair of the DAF Scholarship Committee. Jake is also a former Defiance City Councilman and current Defiance High School Boys Golf Assistant Coach. Bridget is actively involved in the Women's Giving Circle of Defiance County and ARK Cooperative Preschool PTO.

"Bridget and I are both Defiance High School graduates that moved back to Defiance after stints in Las Vegas, Pittsburgh, Scottsdale, and Columbus. Defiance always felt like home for us, and we were both excited to make our way back in 2013," said Jake.

"We've really enjoyed and appreciate all the great things that have been happening in town since we've been back. Seeing things like the splash pad, the construction of a new high school, and meaningful community investments by businesses like Keller Logistics Group, Credit Adjustments, and ProMedica give us confidence that Defiance will continue to have good things to look forward to.

The two of us are excited to be able to work together and have our hands in the visioning and kick-off of Project 2030. It feels like a fun and unique way for people like us, in the stages of starting and growing their families, to get involved in a community project. We hope it will be something we'll be able to involve our kids in as they grow up and develop their own sense of community," said Jake.

...stay tuned for more information on 

Defiance Area Foundation collaborated with United Way of Defiance County for COVID-19 Emergency Funding with a contribution of \$15,000. Total grants awarded from this fund as of June 8th was \$46,350:

Ravens Care	\$5,000.00
NOCAC	\$5,000.00
Community Health Professionals	\$5,000.00
Defiance Dream Center	\$3,000.00
Hebron Ministries	\$2,000.00
Ravens Care	\$10,000.00
St. Mary's St. Vincent De Paul	\$2,000.00
St. Paul's UMC	\$1,000.00
Temple of Praise	\$3,000.00
House of Ruth	\$4,000.00

Post Office (wipes)	\$650.00
Zions Lutheran	\$1,000.00
Defiance Dream Center	\$1,000.00
Community Pregnancy Center	\$2,500.00
RSNWO	\$1,200.00



\$79,065 in DAF Grants Awarded

Congrats to our second round of Grant Recipients!

We received requests of over \$400,000 and were able to distribute \$79,065 which represents the remainder of our grant funding through the end of our fiscal year (6/30/20).

Girl Scouts of Northwest Ohio: Yurt campsite that would house 14 girls and 2 adults for events throughout the season.

Defiance Dream Center: Mobile training unit for a variety of field work including manufacturing, integration, innovation, etc.

Trinity United Methodist Church: Restoration to the bell structure of the church (which is over 100 years old).

The Defiance College: Kinesiology equipment for lab in Dana Hall to assist with expansion of Exercise Science program/major.

American Red Cross West Central Region: Blood scales.

Defiance County Sheriff's Office Dive Team: Enviro Aqualung dry suits to be used in contaminated water.

Defiance County Agricultural Society: Sheep pens at the Defiance County Fairgrounds.

Fairview Band: New marching band uniforms.

CPC Women's Health Resource: Program Materials for the Earn While you Learn Program.

Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio: Funding for PROMISE Program which assists patients with treatment and medical essentials.

Lily Creek Farms: Funding for therapeutic riding lessons.

In addition to the Community Fund, special thank you to the Beane, Brose, Hanna, Hench, Hammersmith, Kaemming, Schmenk, Schultz, Smart, Wahl, and Wertz families and funds that helped to make many of these grants possible.

Good Citizen Award Taking Nominations

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 at the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet. This fund is maintained through the DAF. Learn more and obtain a nomination form at chris@defianceareafoundation.org or [click here to print from our website.](#)

Save the Date

DAF Annual Meeting
September 29th
Iron Horse Brews
Sherwood, Ohio

Upcoming Events



Virtual or in-person Meetings

June 18th: 1:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
July 9th: 9:00 a.m. Donor Development Committee
July 10th: 11:00 a.m. Women's Giving Circle
July 15th: 9:00 a.m. Sherwood Fund Committee
July 16th: 9:00 a.m. Marketing Committee
July 23rd: 7:30 a.m. Trustee Meeting

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