



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



## Director's Message

"Together We Grow" expresses our vision for the future. We continue to be blessed with a generous and supportive community,

committed leadership, and opportunities to support projects and programs in Defiance County.

We are fortunate this year to have available grant funding of \$171,485 to help non-profit organizations in our community. See reverse side for those organizations that received support at the October Board Meeting. In celebration of the 40th Anniversary of The Defiance Area Foundation next year, we invite community members to nominate their favorite non-profit organization to receive a \$1,000 grant. Together, we will continue our mission in Defiance County through community collaboration, impactful grant-making, and financial stewardship.

*Chris Yoder - Executive Director*

## 40th Anniversary

### CELEBRATE WITH US!

The Defiance Area Foundation will be granting \$40,000 to 40 eligible non-profit organizations (\$1,000 each). Beginning in 2019. The special grant application can be obtained by calling The Defiance Area Foundation at (419) 782-3130 or e-mail [chris@defianceareafoundation.org](mailto:chris@defianceareafoundation.org) for more details.



## New Trustees



We welcomed the new Board Members that were elected during The Defiance Area Foundation Annual Meeting September 27th (left to right: Michelle Waggoner, Ken Boroff, and Erin Strausbaugh Derrow). We are thankful for the leadership of our retiring Directors Rita Kissner (right) and Deb Hensch and Glenn Kuhn (not pictured). Thank you to the Trustees and Committee Members who continue to serve and support The Defiance Area Foundation. It is through their guidance and support that we achieve our Mission and Vision: "To enhance, enrich, encourage and support the Defiance County Community."

### Upcoming Dates:

Giving Tuesday - November 27th

Marketing Meeting - 1/9/19 at 9:00 a.m.

Development Meeting - 1/10/19 at 8:00 a.m.

Trustee Meeting - 1/24/19 at 7:30 a.m.

## Grants Awarded October 2018

The Trustees of The Defiance Area Foundation met on October 28th and awarded the following grants from the Community Fund, along with the Beane, Brose, Hensch, Schmenk, and Wahl Family Funds.



Defiance Elementary PTO - Zip Line  
Defiance Area YMCA - Facility enhancements  
Crystal Fountain - Sherwood - flooring project  
Holy Cross Catholic Schools - Youth leadership event  
NOCAC - program materials  
Defiance Community Cultural Council - Jazz Reach  
Defiance Rugby Football - Equipment and uniforms  
Defiance Lions Club - Sight conservation machine  
Sherwood Memorial Park - Renovation and upgrades

## Clothes for Kids

Community sponsors helped to provide new outfits to 228 children in nine Defiance County Schools this year. Thank you to (L to R) Mandy Kissner, Katie Groff-Held, and Erin Derrow for their support and leadership. If you would like more information or to be added to the list for next year, please e-mail [erinderrow1@gmail.com](mailto:erinderrow1@gmail.com).



## Helping Hands



Helping Hands provides you and your family the opportunity to round up your monthly utility bill to help support rescue organizations, food banks, educational projects, child care programs and others. The Defiance Area Foundation contributes \$5 per person to assist the program. There are several ways to opt in: 1) visit the Defiance City Utilities website using the Helping Hands Opt-In Form (complete and submit electronically); 2) print the form and drop off to the Defiance City Billing Office; or 3) pick up and complete a form at the City Utilities office!

Have you considered the impact of the new tax act on your charitable giving? The standard deduction changes in the law can affect your itemized deductions. Charitable rollovers from qualified retirement accounts continue to be allowed. You may find new tax planning opportunities. As the year draws to a close, discuss the law's impact on your tax situation with your tax professional. The timing of your contributions may take on increased importance. Additionally, a donor-advised fund may be appropriate for you. The Defiance Area Foundation is ready to discuss opportunities and vehicles available to assist you with your overall charitable plans. Please contact us for more information.

**Words of  
Wisdom**

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