

# Message from Executive Director

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## Spring is finally here!



**Chris Yoder**

The warm weather and sunshine recently caused me to pause and notice how beautiful spring....and life can be, and actually how much it affects our attitude and well-being.

The blooming daffodils and tulips and soon-to-be aroma of lilacs is a gentle reminder of new beginnings. We are thankful for the creation of eight new funds this year and also partnering with a new marketing firm (intro on page 2). We continue to be blessed by a caring and supportive community and are grateful for your continued generosity.

Your continued support encourages us to move toward our mission – to enhance, enrich, encourage and support the Defiance County Community.

# Spring Grants!

The following grants were approved by our Board of Trustees on 4/28/22 totaling over \$116,000.

These grants were funded in part by the following: Defiance Area Foundation Community Fund, and the Beane, Brose, Hanna, Hammersmith, Hench, Kaemming, Schmenk, Smart, and Wahl Unrestricted Family Funds.

United Way – Backpack  
Buddies/Imagination Library  
Ayersville Athletic Boosters –  
Softball/baseball fields  
The Defiance College –  
Computer Workstations

Lifewise Academy Central Local  
Schools – bus  
Northeastern Local Schools –  
weight room equipment  
Fort Defiance Humane Society –  
cat suites & portals  
Lily Creek Farms – horse partner  
American Red Cross – Defiance  
County antibody testing  
Friends of Independence Dam –  
4 benches for tow path

CHP Home Care &  
Hospice – grief bags  
CPC Women’s Health  
Resource – security  
cameras  
DDVB - Leadership Speaker



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# Defiance Area Foundation Facts

## Did you know?

- The Defiance Area Foundation has 130 funds under our umbrella?
- We offer unrestricted funds, restricted agency funds, scholarship funds, & field of interest funds?
- Those funds comprise assets totaling over \$13 million dollars?
- Assets are managed locally in Defiance County (Collins & Guilford Wealth Advisors in Hicksville, Premier Bank, and The State Bank and Trust Co.)?
- Since inception in 1979 grants awarded back to Defiance County have totaled \$6.2 million?
- Last year we supported 189 projects, programs, and initiatives in Defiance County?
- Gifts are received in cash, appreciated stock, as well as legacy gifts from your Will, IRA, and Estate Plan?

## Project 2030 By the Numbers

**63 Members**  
*Families & Individuals*

**10 Visionary Donors**  
*\$10,000+ commitment*

**\$132,588**  
*Total donations*

**\$264,200**  
*Total commitments*



**Member Goal**  
*100 members*

**Total Donation Goal**  
*\$500,000*

## New Marketing Partner

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SAVE THE  
date

The Defiance Area Foundation Annual Meeting will be held September 29th at 5:30 at the new Performing Arts Center at Tinora. This will be a “youth led” event that you won’t want to miss. Mark your calendars with more details to come!

## YELP Children Business Fair

May 14th, 2022

10 AM - 1 PM

Location: Downtown Defiance Lilac Festival  
Showcasing youth and their business ventures!  
Booths will be evaluated.  
Prizes awarded!

Scan here to  
sign up!



To Enhance, Enrich, and Support the Defiance County Community