

## When and how was the program started?



This program was founded and has been implemented over the past five years by one of our lifelong community supporters – Sharon Farrell, Defiance Area Foundation Board Member. We are now expanding it to support and help more children and families in Defiance County.

## What we are NOT:

- The current program does NOT allow for donations of used clothing.
- We do not choose the children in the program, nor do we know the names of the children

## Enrollment information:

Please return this portion if you wish to support a child in the fall and purchase a new “Back to School Outfit”. This would include the following NEW items:

Hoodie or Jacket  
Sweater or shirt  
Pants  
Underwear  
Socks  
Tennis Shoes

You will be contacted in August to confirm your participation. Shortly thereafter, once the list is received from each of the schools, you will be contacted with the sizing information for the child as well as the deadline for donation (generally within a few weeks).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender Preference: (circle one if you have a preference)

BOY  
GIRL

## “Clothes for Kids”



## “Our Mission”

To provide elementary age school children that are from financially challenged homes, with new tennis (athletic) shoes and a new “Back to School Outfit” so children can feel good about themselves and their appearance.



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## How does the program work?

There are two elements to this new program. First and foremost we will be asking community members to donate new clothes for elementary age school children when they start school in the fall. Secondly we have started an endowment fund to help subsidize the purchase of additional clothes so we can help even more children. So there are two ways you can help:

- Donate a new “Back to School” outfit.



- Make a monetary donation to the endowment fund to help more children in the future.

## What is the process?

All County Schools are invited to participate (Ayersville, Defiance, Fairview, Hicksville, Tinora, as well as Good Samaritan, Holy Cross and St. John's Lutheran). The schools will be contacted shortly after school begins each fall to determine the need. The goals are as follows:

- To invite community members to purchase a new outfit for those children in need.
- To provide these items in an atmosphere of anonymity so the purchasers of the items do not know the students names and vice versa.
- To handle gifts of clothing in such a way that other students are not aware of the “gifts”.
- To finish the project as soon as possible after school starts each fall.

NOTE: The students are selected by representatives from each school system.



## How can you help?

Shop and/or donate. Please fill out the enrollment information and return to:

The Defiance Area Foundation  
507 Fifth Street  
Defiance, Ohio 43512

Or contact us at:  
defoundation@defnet.com to be put on the list to be contacted in late August.

The success of this program depends upon your participation and we hope you will believe in the values of this program as much as we do.

Please contact Chris Yoder at The Defiance Area Foundation (419) 782-3130 or Blair Mack at (210)-284-1779 if you have any questions or need additional information.