



Warm welcome to
Dani Figley



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We are excited to announce the addition of Dani Figley as our new part-time administrative assistant!

"I am grateful for the opportunity to work with Chris Yoder and for the Foundation. I am excited to be a part of their mission and the wonderful things they do for the community my family lives in," said Dani.

Dani grew up in Napoleon, and has lived in Defiance for 13 years. She enjoys going on walks at the reservoir with her husband Dave while her children Rebekah (9) and Brooke (6) ride their bikes.

Dani is also a yoga instructor and some of her family's favorite places in Defiance places are the YMCA and Splash Pad.

Dani has a Liberal Arts degree in Psychology and Sociology from Bowling Green State University. She comes to us with 12 years experience as an Executive Administrative Assistant at First Federal Bank (now Premier Bank). Welcome Dani!

A Note From the Executive Director

This fall season reminds me of how grateful I am to be a part of such a generous and giving community. Thanks to the support of donors over the years, over \$400,000 is available in grant funding, of which 25%, (\$104,000) is available in our Community Fund for unrestricted grants.

We also enter a new season of growth to the DAF. Dani Figley was hired in September and Vicki Scantlen is working remotely on our accounting system. Thank you to these ladies for their continued support of The Defiance Area Foundation.

-Chris Yoder, Executive Director

2019 - 2020 Fast Facts



292 Donors



76 Grants



**\$10,983,988
Total Assets**



Upcoming Events

Virtual / In-person Meetings

- Nov 19th: 1:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
- Dec 17th: 1:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
- Jan 7th: 9:00 a.m. Marketing Committee Meeting
- Jan 14th: 9:00 a.m. Development Committee Meeting
- Jan 15th: 9:00 a.m. YELP Meeting
- Jan 21st: 1:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
- Jan 28th 7:30 a.m. Trustee Meeting

YELP was spotted shopping for Clothes For Kids (CFK) this past Sunday! With the addition of Head Start, CFK will help 270+ students this year (207 last year).



October 2020 DAF Grants Awarded

Congrats to our first round of Grant Recipients!

We received requests of over \$162,302 and granted \$108,677 which represents the first cycle of requests for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Total grants awarded since inception \$5,617,038!

Defiance Softball Association:

To make improvements at Diehl Park to include sprinkler systems, and improvements to the batting cages, bleachers and dugouts.

City of Defiance:

To re-surface three tennis courts at Kingsbury Park and convert them into six pickleball courts.

Defiance Development and Visitors Bureau:

To complete Phase II of the downtown speaker systems.

Hicksville Schools:

To complete their Athletic Complex, which would expand the weight room and add additional training equipment.

Holy Cross Catholic Schools:

To assist with YMCA memberships to their students and staff. Holy Cross is forced to dedicate half their gym for a permanent cafeteria and unavailable for gym use.

ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital:

To install a new sensory playground to include musical and movement gardens along with rubber re-surfacing at Kaitlyn's Cottage.

Defiance Baseball Association:

To make enhancements at Kingsbury including backstop and other field improvements.

The Sight Center of NW Ohio:

To assist clients to obtain low vision devices (magnifiers, lamps and lights, filters, etc.) for Defiance County patients.

Fort Defiance Humane Society:

To purchase and install three commercial oscillating fans.

Ronald McDonald House:

For respite care for Defiance County patients who have used their services.

Defiance County Sheriff:

To fund a K-9 cage, and matched with a donation from YELP.

Tinora Music Boosters

To purchase six xylophones for their music program.

United Way of Defiance County

To partner with their book drive and provide nine books to 100 children this school year, due to changes in elementary library protocols due to COVID-19.

Fort Defiance Players

To sponsor the High School Musical Anastasia.

DAF Project 2030

Seed money for Project 2030.

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.

Do you want to be a part of something BIG?

"Giving back to Defiance County has always been important to us. Our families are from the area and we grew up enjoying everything Defiance County has to offer. We are excited about Project 2030 because the community will be able to suggest ideas for what project will be chosen to improve Defiance County. We believe that the project will help Defiance continue to grow and be a great place to raise families." - Abby Stehulak, Project 2030 Committee

We are looking for 100 Project 2030 Partners that will commit to donating 1 share (\$25) a month for 10 years. This is a total commitment of \$3,000 over 10 years. And donors that reach this goal will be eligible to become a member of the DAF!

→→→ [Learn More at www.defianceareafoundation.org/project-2030](http://www.defianceareafoundation.org/project-2030)

project 2030



Stehulak Family

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