



# OUR INVESTMENT IN DEFIANCE CITY SCHOOLS

**\$46,023.40**

Imagination Library \$7,170 (239 children) | Kindergarten Camp \$3,253.40  
Backpack Buddy \$32,100 (321 children) | Feeding Success \$500  
Summer Manufacturing Camp \$3,000

## DID YOU KNOW

35% of Defiance County households are at Poverty level (12%) or ALICE (23%) Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, earning less than the cost of living.

- 436 children** from birth to age 5 are currently enrolled in **Imagination Library**, receiving 1 age appropriate book per month to their doorstep. We have graduated 853 children from the program and distributed over **40,000 books** since 2009.
- 40 children** participated in **Kindergarten Camp** in August 2018. Children were also given books and a \$10 Fruit & Vegetable Food Voucher.
- 321 bags of food** are bought and stuffed weekly by **Backpack Buddy** to provide food on the weekends for students enrolled in the Free & Reduced lunch program.
- Feeding Success food & personal care item pantries** are available at Defiance Middle & High School. Partnered with Zonta Club & Women’s Giving Circle.
- 200 students were educated** about depression through Maumee Valley Guidance Center last school year. 87 Students were screened & **10 students were at risk for suicide**.
- 16 students** were trained to be peer leaders through the **Teen PEP (peers educating peers) program** last school year, focusing on mental wellness & suicide prevention. Funded with One Step at a Time Run/Walk.
- 14 Defiance City School faculty** went through **Youth Mental Health First Aid Training**.
- 3,470 lunches** served to **545 children** (unduplicated) in Defiance through NOCAC’s Summer Food & Fun program.
- MyPlate** nutrition program served to **3rd graders** with our partners Defiance Co. Health Dept. & ADAMhS Bd.
- Hidden in Plain Sight** program has educated **467 people** about the signs of drug use in their home since 8/17.
- Assist in mentor recruitment for the **Mentoring Program**, with Ashley Sowder, Juvenile Probation.
- Recruit around **40 volunteers** to read & celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday in Defiance City School classes.
- \$1,000 Youth Volunteer Scholarship** Program through the Community Engagement Center.
- Do you know someone that needs help with transportation, housing, food, or clothing? We fund a new Information and Referral line through **A Renewed Mind. DIAL 1-800-468-HELP.** (2-1-1 is no longer active.)
- United Way of Defiance County funds **31 programs** in Defiance County.  
*View the list of funded programs on our website or the back of the 2018 Pledge Form.*



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