



# 12 FAST FACTS

## LIVE UNITED

1. We have been serving Defiance County for **64 years**.
2. Did you know United Way of Defiance County **funds 30 programs** in Defiance County? *View the list of funded programs on our website or the back of the 2019 Pledge Form.*
3. **445 children** from birth to age 5 are currently enrolled in **Imagination Library**. We have graduated 970 children from the program and distributed over **45,000 books** since 2009.
4. Do you know someone that needs help with transportation, housing, food, or clothing? We fund the Information and Referral 24 hour hotline through A Renewed Mind. **DIAL 1-800-468-HELP**. (2-1-1 is no longer active.)
5. We are **audited annually** and you can review our IRS 990 on our website. You can also see our annual reports and grant designations.
6. **600+ bags of food** are stuffed weekly by **Backpack Buddy** to provide food on the weekends for students enrolled in the Free & Reduced lunch program. We have stuffed over **100,000 bags of food** since we began in 2010.
7. **Feeding Success food & personal care item pantries** are available at all county middle and high schools.
8. **We are not government funded**. We do fund programs in Defiance County that also receive government funding, and our dollars can bridge gaps and support specific needs of our county and community. *Ask us about this.*
9. We coordinate over **1,000 hours of community service** and award **\$1,000 Youth Volunteer Scholarship** annually through the Community Engagement Center. *Sign up to get alerts when volunteer opportunities in Defiance County meet your interests at [www.volunteerdefiancecounty.com](http://www.volunteerdefiancecounty.com).*
10. **What's raised here, stays here**. 99% of our funds stay in Defiance County. Only 1% go to United Way Worldwide and Ohio United Way which comes back to us in professional development and resources.
11. You can help us improve the health, education, financial stability and basic needs of Defiance County residents by making a donation to this year's campaign. **Help us reach our goal of \$335,000**. You can text: "defiance" to 313131 or go to our website to fill out a pledge form.
12. Donors may designate their donation to a specific program or to another United Way.

## 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.

**TOUCHING 60,000 LIVES BY 2020**

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