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## Mission Statement

To bring together the people and resources of Defiance County to improve lives and create a lasting community impact.



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# 2015 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

# Defiance County



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# Your *money* matters



HEALTH



ESSENTIAL SERVICES



LASTING IMPACT



EDUCATION



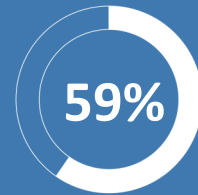
FINANCIAL STABILITY



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## \$299,812

in preparation fee savings and tax credits were received by 389 low-income families through the NOCAC Ohio Benefit Bank tax clinics. Families also referred to SNAP, WIC, FAFSA and Voter Registration.



The percentage of Defiance City Elementary students eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch. The countywide eligibility is an est. 46%. UWDC Back Pack Buddy provided food for weekends for 612 county children.

## 4,956

books were delivered to 413 children through the UWDC Imagination Library program.



The percentage of It Takes Two referrals that became employed and met their support obligation. 75% reported improved relationships with children.

## 1,204

nights of shelter away from their abuser to 37 women and 28 children.

## 8,514

views of volunteer, in-kind needs and agency profiles via Community Engagement Center.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

The CEC helped DHS NHS promote **MLK Day** projects and recruit volunteers, including the Wolfrum Family volunteering at the Fort Defiance Humane Society.

### FEBRUARY

The 6th Annual **Trivia Night** raised \$6,620 with a record number of 37 teams. The Dipsomaniacs won first place.

### MARCH

The 3rd annual birthday **celebration of Dr. Seuss** brought out over 60 volunteers to read books aloud to local classes. Pictured is Jim Williams reading to a DES class.

### APRIL

The CEC planned projects for **National Volunteer Week** including baking treats for the NOCAC PATH Center and helping Kaitlyn's Cottage spring clean.

### MAY

Marketing and volunteer support to the **Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive** and USPS letter carriers led to 12,500 pounds of food collected and distributed to county food pantries. Pictured are volunteers from the DHS Football team.

### AUGUST

The 2nd annual **Defiance County Balloon Festival** raised over \$20,000 for the CEC. The event attracted 5,000 people and 19 hot air balloons participated. Over 200 volunteers helped make the event a success. Pictured are volunteers from our Kohl's Cares team. In August, we also collaborated with many local entity's to raise funds and collect school supplies for **Tools 4 School**, helping 600 county students.

### SEPTEMBER

We participated and helped fund **Storybook Adventure**, a free community event promoting early literacy.

### OCTOBER

**Days of Caring** was a success with 64 volunteers completing 150 hours of community service. Participants: Mercy Health Defiance, ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital, Kroger, Northwest Real Estate Services, Shultz Huber and Associates, Inc., State Bank (*pictured*), First Federal Bank, First Insurance Group, Defiance College freshman and Defiance College women's basketball team.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

# Your time and talent



## Thank you

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Principal, Hicksville Elementary School

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Community Advocate

198 REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS

35 REGISTERED AGENCIES

3,540 VIEWS OF VOLUNTEER & IN-KIND DONATION NEEDS

940 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER WORK COORDINATED

VOLUNTEER VALUE OF \$20,712.40



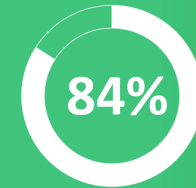
Registered users get automatic emails about posted opportunities that match their interests.

[www.volunteerdefiancecounty.com](http://www.volunteerdefiancecounty.com)

Colleen Kilbert of Toledo found The LAWO Human Trafficking Protection Project through the CEC and has been volunteering two days a week since May 2015. Colleen is working on the development of LAWO's "Best Practices: The Defiance County Human Trafficking Emergency Response Protocol," a challenging and rewarding endeavor, she says.

## 2,280

rides to the NOCAC PATH Center where 350 individuals received a hot meal and social interaction.



The graduation rate of the 19 individuals that participated in NOCAC Getting Ahead Classes, a 45-hour program for individuals in poverty to build their resources.

## 3,685

meals served to 549 children at five NOCAC Summer Food and Fun sites where activities were encouraged to promote wellness.



The percentage of children that arrive for kindergarten unprepared to learn, reported by county teachers. 90 children gained necessary skills for school readiness at Kindergarten Camp.

## \$31,213.35

UWDC Endowment Fund current value.

## 360

lives impacted with lifesaving medication, heat, water and electricity through Raven's Care.

## \$32,080

in financial awards and 444 case hours served by Legal Aid of Western Ohio.

## 2,704

hours of counseling, group therapy and assessments were completed by the Center for Child and Family Advocacy to victims of domestic violence and sex offenders. Surveys indicate at least 90% client satisfaction and effectiveness of services.

## 736

Earn While You Learn classes were completed at CPC Women's Health Resource.

# THANK YOU *for your generosity*

LEADERSHIP DONORS

## TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY \$10,000 +

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80 MEMBERS  
DISTRIBUTED  
**\$21,259**



## BENEFITING WOMEN & CHILDREN

Ayersville School for afterschool program  
Ayersville School Ron Clark Scholarships  
Back Pack Buddy program weekend of food  
Clothes for homeless DES students & mother  
Imagination Library sponsoring 25 children for a year  
Kindergarten Camp Lunches  
Legal Aid of Western Ohio to develop human trafficking protocol  
Summer Food Program Transportation  
Raven's Care Life Skills program  
Storybook Adventure Program to purchase books for 225 children  
Zions Lutheran Church to build a patio at the House of Ruth

*Amy, Madeline,  
Denise, Carrie  
and Beth packing  
Kindergarten  
Camp lunches*

COMMUNITY FOCUS

## FAMILY VALUES

Thriving family units are important to the success of our overall community. Strong family values help children do better in school and achieve overall healthier lives. We strive to give families the tools they need to better their lives by utilizing resources available to them. **Raven's Care Cooking & Budgeting Classes** teach better methods of cooking, educate clients about nutritious food and staying within their budget. The **NOCAC Individual Development Account program** assists working, low income households to move from public assistance to self-sufficiency by doubling the money they save for long-term asset goals like home purchase, education or business start-up. We also support the **NOCAC Getting Ahead classes** that educates, and motivates persons who are seeking opportunities to end a cycle of poverty.



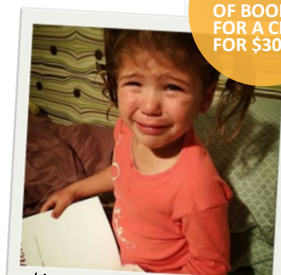
## Quick Facts

BACK PACK BUDDY HAS STUFFED 81,279 BACK PACKS SINCE 2010.

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY HAS MAILED 28,809 BOOKS SINCE 2009.

SPONSOR A YEAR WORTH OF BOOKS FOR A CHILD FOR \$30.

*"I had struggled with active alcohol and drug addiction for 25 years. My addiction eventually landed me in the hospital with a heroin/cocaine overdose. I asked Serenity Haven for help and was blessed to spend 97 days in this inpatient rehab. Serenity Haven saved my life." (Client, 14 months sober.)*

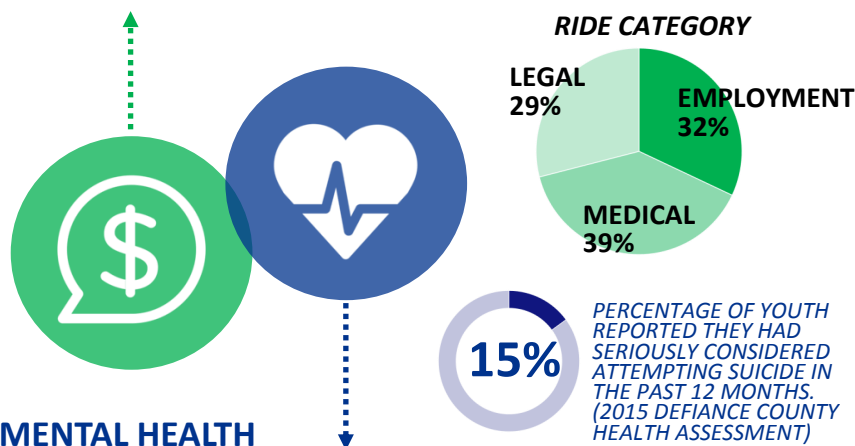


*Heartbroken Olivia graduates and receives her last Imagination Library book.*

# Focus Areas

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is one of the leading barriers preventing people from accessing vital services, including finding and maintaining a job, getting to medical appointments and running essential errands. **FlexRide**, a collaboration with UWDC, NOCAC, MVPO & K&P Medical Transport, is a pilot program that launched in July 2015. FlexRide provides transportation free of charge to eligible clients for medical appointments, legal appointments or employment related needs. UWDC raised \$23,000 for the pilot program. Two hundred rides were scheduled in 2015, for reasons including child visitation, parenting class, job training, job interview, and counseling. We will continue to collect data with the goal of a coordinated transportation plan that will bridge gaps in access to transportation in Defiance County.



Healthy people are more likely to perform well in school and the workplace, producing a stronger economy that improves everyone's quality of life. Mental health is a priority area, raising awareness about depression and suicide to adolescents. **Maumee Valley Guidance Center's Signs of Suicide program** educates youth to recognize symptoms and take action for themselves and friends. Results of local screenings showed 5% of students were at risk for suicide. Additionally, through several roundtable discussions we hosted for the county's school counselors, the results of these conversations prompted us to help organize a **youth mental health first aid training** for guidance counselors. In partnership with One Step at a Time Walk/Run organizers and ADAMhs Board, all five school districts in Defiance County were present for an eight-hour intervention training delivered by two certified instructors from Four County Family Center. We are planning a field trip for the school counselors to see and meet firsthand the organizations providing resources for the students they help every day.

## DRUG PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Drug and Alcohol abuse affects the whole family unit causing financial, emotional, health and legal issues. Through our involvement with the **Defiance County Drug Free Coalition**, we work to bring awareness to our community about trends in drug use to give parents tools to recognize adolescent abuse. We continue to support **Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio's Serenity Haven**, a shelter for women to receive chemical addiction and mental health treatment. Benefits include women regaining custody of children, having drug free babies and becoming citizens in their community. We continue to work with our community partners, 2100 and POWER Defiance to find solutions.

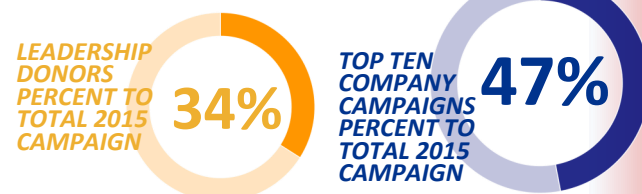
## TOP 10 COMPANY EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGNS

Defiance City Schools  
 Defiance College  
 Employees of Defiance County  
 First Federal Bank  
 General Motors Defiance  
 Meijer, Inc. Store #189  
 Mercy Health  
 ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital  
 Shultz Huber & Associates, Inc.  
 State Bank



Mark Ferris and Buzz

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



## SPECIAL EVENT SPONSORS



**ANNUAL MEETING**  
 ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital



**LEADERSHIP GIVING GATHERING**  
 State Bank



**BALLOON FESTIVAL**  
 \$1,000+

Arps Dairy  
 Biggby Coffee  
 Chief Supermarkets  
 Defiance Dental Group  
 Edward Jones - Gabe Pollock  
 Exceptional Motor Car  
 First Federal Bank  
 General Motors Defiance  
 K&P Medical Transport Ltd  
 Keller Logistics Group  
 Key Realty  
 Kohl's  
 Mark Moats Ford  
 Mark and Denise Hench & Family  
 Meijer, Inc. #189  
 Mercy Health  
 North Western Electric Cooperative  
 Promedica Defiance Regional Hospital  
 State Bank



**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
 \$150+

Credit Adjustments  
 Dream Weaver and the Funky Bunch  
 First Federal Bank  
 First Insurance Group  
 Genesis HealthCare,  
 Twin Rivers Center  
 Jane Myers  
 MetaLINK  
 Riverview Memory Gardens  
 State Bank  
 Weber Family

# Where the money goes

2015 FUNDED PROGRAMS



## HEALTH

Back Pack Buddy: United Way of Defiance County  
 Counseling: The Center for Child and Family Advocacy  
 Path Center Transportation: NOCAC  
 PROMISE Program: Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio  
 Sight Conservation: Sight Conservation of Defiance County  
 Signs of Suicide: Maumee Valley Guidance Center  
 Summer Food Program: NOCAC  
 The Monarch Fund: United Way of Defiance County



## EDUCATION

Earn While You Learn: CPC Women's Health Resource  
 Imagination Library: United Way of Defiance County  
 Kindergarten Camp: Defiance County Elementary Schools  
 Life Skills: Ravens Care



## FINANCIAL STABILITY

FlexRide: United Way of Defiance County  
 Getting Ahead Classes: NOCAC  
 Individual Development Accounts: NOCAC  
 It Takes Two: Family Service of Northwest Ohio  
 Legal Assistance: Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc.  
 Ohio Benefit Bank Taxes: NOCAC



## ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Comprehensive Crisis Care: 2-1-1 Program  
 Disaster Services: American Red Cross  
 Emergency Assistance: Ravens Care  
 Emergency Medicine: Ravens Care  
 House of Ruth: The Center for Child and Family Advocacy  
 Serenity Haven: Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio



## LASTING IMPACT

Endowment Fund: United Way of Defiance County  
 Community Engagement Center: United Way of Defiance County

DESCRIPTION OF ALL PROGRAMS ONLINE AT  
[WWW.UNITEDWAYDEFIANCE.ORG](http://WWW.UNITEDWAYDEFIANCE.ORG)



Kindergarten Camp participants at Hicksville Schools

Back Pack Buddy volunteers organizing backpacks

Earn While You Learn client, Jodi, saved her son Andrew's life using first aid she learned in the class.



## Financial Summary

	2014	2015
Cash & Investments	\$ 525,295.00	\$ 552,981.00
Other Assets	\$ 494.00	\$ 494.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 525,789.00</b>	<b>\$ 553,475.00</b>
Unrestricted Funds	\$ 423,773.00	\$ 426,256.00
Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$ 102,016.00	\$ 127,219.00
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 525,789.00</b>	<b>\$ 553,475.00</b>
Campaign Revenue	\$ 270,675.00	\$ 260,599.00
Other Public Support	\$ 106,617.00	\$ 163,432.00
Grants	\$ 43,532.00	\$ 11,650.00
Other Revenue	\$ 57,629.00	\$ 63,571.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 478,453.00</b>	<b>\$ 499,252.00</b>
Agency Allocations	\$ 150,033.00	\$ 157,257.00
Grant Projects	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 15,528.00
Program Services	\$ 153,639.00	\$ 178,965.00
Supporting Services	\$ 48,088.00	\$ 46,174.00
Fundraising	\$ 44,278.00	\$ 73,642.00
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>\$ 54,415.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,686.00</b>



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FINANCIAL SUMMARY