



United Way  
of Defiance County

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## MISSION STATEMENT



**TO UNITE PEOPLE AND RESOURCES TO  
IMPROVE LIVES IN DEFIANCE COUNTY.**

## YOUR TEAM



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# SERVING DEFIANCE COUNTY 61 YEARS

# TOUCHING 60,000 LIVES BY 2020



## 2016 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



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## 2016 RESULTS

### TOGETHER WE WIN



#### EDUCATION

Helping children & youth reach their potential

- 5,046 new books were delivered to 423 children through our Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. 80% of the participants say they read more because of this program.
- 90 at-risk children gained necessary skills for school readiness at Kindergarten Camp.
- 633 Earn While You Learn classes were completed at CPC Women's Health Resource, providing parenting and pre-natal care information to 262 people.
- 1,500 high school students and educators were taught about the dangers of poor behavior and the impact of positive choices by Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



#### HEALTH

Improving people's health

- 23,679 pounds of food collected for local food pantries through the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.
- \$62,381 in prescription savings through FamilyWize.
- 21,420 backpacks of nutritious food were provided to 612 students for the weekends during the school year through Backpack Buddy.
- 5,051 meals were served to 733 children during NOCAC's Summer Food and Fun.
- 2,776 individuals were provided transportation to and from the NOCAC PATH Center for a meal, activities and isolation prevention.
- 603 students were educated about depression through Maumee Valley Guidance Center's Signs of Suicide. 245 students were screened and 6.5% were at risk for suicide and referred to further resources.



## EVENTS & COLLABORATIONS



4th annual **Defiance County Hot Air Balloon Festival** attracted almost 5,000 people and raised \$20,000 for the CEC.

7th annual **Trivia Night** sold out and raised \$6,700.

4th annual birthday celebration for **Dr. Seuss** connected 46 volunteers to local classrooms to read books aloud.



3rd annual **Storybook Adventure** promoted early literacy to 500 children.

**Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive** and USPS letter carriers collected 23,679 pounds of food.

**Days of Caring** had 48 volunteers complete 150 hours of volunteer work, completing 9 projects and collecting over 100 personal care items.



**Youth Mental Health First Aid** training educated 17 local adults and we supported a trainer certification.

**Prescription to Read** offers free children's books to prenatal moms and kids at well-child appointments, thanks to ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital, Defiance Public Library and Defiance College.



#### A sampling of other collaborations:

Defiance Area YMCA  
Defiance County Drug Free Coalition  
Defiance County Mentoring Program  
Defiance Development and Visitors Bureau  
Defiance Rotary  
Mapping Substance Abuse Committee  
One Step At a Time 5K/Walk  
POWER Defiance



**350 REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS**  
**45 REGISTERED AGENCIES**

Volunteer value of \$22,060 with over 1,000 hours of community service coordinated or referred.

13,680 views of volunteer needs and agency profiles, a 60% increase to last year.

Reported need responses are up 118% to last year.



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

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



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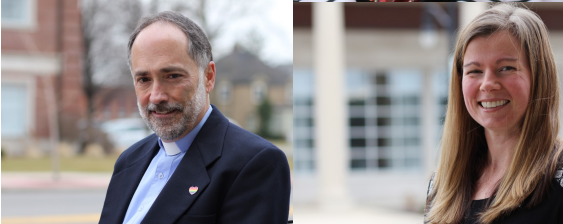
**PATTY VANDEMARK**  
Community Advocate

## I LIVE UNITED BECAUSE:



“Being an avid reader myself, I am very passionate about the local Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library Program where young people receive an age appropriate book monthly in the mail. What a beautiful way to inspire and develop reading skills with our children.”

– **Cyndi Ensign**



“United Way of Defiance County helps children reach their fullest potential.”

– **Abby Stehulak**

“The United Way impacts so many more lives for good than I could possibly support on my own.”  
– **Jim Brehler**



## FINANCIAL STABILITY

Promoting self-sufficiency & financial wellness

- \$356,372 in preparation fee savings and tax credits were received by 428 low-income families through the NOCAC Ohio Benefit Bank tax clinics.
- \$54,000 in financial awards to 252 low-income families through Legal Aid of Western Ohio.
- 142 fathers received support and resources for improved parenting skills and job readiness. 61% of the clients gained employment and 55% report an improved relationship with child.
- 67 clients participated in NOCAC’s Financial Empowerment program including: Getting Ahead Classes, matched savings and assets through the IDA program and financial coaching.



## ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Providing a quality safety net

- 3,678 calls to 2-1-1 for resource referrals and services to help with emergent needs or mental crisis.
- 2,583 hours of service for assessments, counseling and therapy to abuse victims and offenders. 98.2% can now recognize behavior to avoid re-offending.
- 827 nights of shelter and away from abuse, provided by House of Ruth.
- 435 clients received lifesaving medication, heat, water, electricity and shelter through Ravens Care.
- 65 women received room and board at Serenity Haven to provide mental health and chemical dependency treatment.



## LASTING IMPACT

Creating a bright future for our community

- Over 1,000 Volunteer hours coordinated and 13,680 views of local volunteer needs and agencies through the Community Engagement Center.
- \$50,304.42 is our endowment fund current value.

# 414 GIVING SOCIETY LEADERSHIP DONORS



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\$10,000 +

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# INSPIRING HOPE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW



Theresa is a wife and mother of three teenage boys in Hicksville, Ohio. Theresa and her husband Jason, both lost their jobs due to downsizing at a factory in October 2015. Although, Jason had 17 years of supervising experience, it took some time to find a steady and good paying job, because he didn't have a degree. Now employed, he is working towards his Associates in Business degree.

Theresa decided to go back to school to get her degree and has been working towards earning her Associates degree in nursing and plans on starting her journey towards a Bachelor's degree in the Fall. She graduates in May and her husband is scheduled to graduate in July. Throughout this process there were some lows financially but they kept pushing on with local help from United Way funded programs at Ravens Care Inc. Theresa received help with gas to help her family get to and from work and the food pantries. They also received help with rent and personal care items. Theresa said, "The last year has been a roller coaster. We have accomplished a lot and we have had a lot of blessings to help with those accomplishments. We will make it. Because we made it this far."



**104 MEMBERS  
DISTRIBUTED \$25,560**

## BENEFITING WOMEN & CHILDREN IN DEFIANCE COUNTY

Back Pack Buddy bags & tags	Life Skills Program with Ravens Care
Buddy Benches at Defiance Elementary School	Ron Clark Academy Scholarship for Tinora
Claire's Day Defiance sponsorship	ROX Program at Fairview Elementary
Drug Free Coalition	SART (sexual assault response team) Program honorarium
Feeding Success: Food & Personal Care items pantry in county schools	Serenity Haven wardrobes
Kindergarten Camp Lunches	Storybook Adventure program books
	Sufficient Grace Ministries for Women, Inc.



**Women's Giving Circle Members spent a day painting the Serenity Haven Facility and then hosted a fundraiser to help furnish the family visitation area.**

## FOCUS AREAS

### UNITED WE FIGHT



FOOD & PERSONAL CARE ITEMS DELIVERED TO FAIRVIEW MS & HS

### CHILDHOOD HUNGER

5,017 people in Defiance County or 13.4% of local families live at the poverty level. This number is up from 5.6% in 1999 according to the 2017 Ohio Poverty Report. Per the 2015 Defiance County Health Needs Assessment, 8% of adults surveyed had to choose between paying bills and buying food in the past year. 10% of youth went to bed hungry in the past month. Through guidance counselor roundtables, the need for food and personal care items for students at the middle and high schools surfaced. Local elementary students in need are supplied with weekend food through the Backpack Buddy program and the family need remains an issue as the students move on to later grades. **Feeding Success** was launched the Fall of 2016 in partnership with Zonta and Women's Giving Circle. All county middle and high schools were offered a food and personal care item pantry. In 2016, 78 students were served and the counselors are working to educate their staff on the availability of the program. Our other collaborations working to fight hunger are Backpack Buddy, NOCAC's Summer Food and Fun, Neighbor's In Need and the Letter Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive benefitting local food pantries.

### TRANSPORTATION



Transportation is one of the leading barriers preventing people from accessing vital services, including finding and maintaining a job and getting to medical appointments. **FlexRide** launched in July 2015 in partnership with UWDC, NOCAC, MVPO & K&P Medical Transport. FlexRide scheduled 628 rides for eligible clients for medical and legal appointments or employment needs. The top reason clients needed a ride was because they did not have a vehicle. UWDC raised \$33,000 for the pilot program and fulfilled its mission to (1) bridge gaps in access to transportation and (2) collect data for a Defiance County Coordinated Transportation Plan. Our hope is that continued meetings with local transportation service providers will result in county coordination, grant funding and increased access for our families.

#### MOST VISITED DESTINATIONS

- 1) Recovery Services
- 2) ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital
- 3) Alex Products Ridgville Corners
- 4) Defiance YMCA
- 5) NOCAC

#### TRIP CATEGORY %

- 41% EMPLOYMENT
- 30% LEGAL
- 29% MEDICAL

## 2016 CAMPAIGN RESULTS

**\$306K**

2016 CAMPAIGN TOTAL

**10%** INCREASE IN TOTAL \$ OVER LAST YEAR

LEADERSHIP DONORS PERCENT TO TOTAL 2016 CAMPAIGN

**30%**

TOP 13 COMPANY CAMPAIGNS PERCENT TO TOTAL 2016 CAMPAIGN

**54%**



Leadership giving (gifts at or above \$500) increased 32%!



BACKPACK BUDDY LIVE DRIVE



GM DEFIANCE INTERN COOKOUT



FIRST FEDERAL CHICKEN DINNER

## TOP COMPANY EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGNS

Defiance City Employees  
 Defiance City Schools  
 Defiance County Employees  
 First Federal Bank  
 General Motors Defiance  
 Hubbard Company  
 Keller Logistics Group  
 Meijer, Inc. Store #189

Mercy Health  
 ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital  
 Shultz Huber & Associates, Inc.  
 State Bank  
 United Parcel Service

## TOP FOUNDATION GIFTS

Defiance Rotary Foundation  
 Coressel J F Charitable Trust  
 Kohl's Cares- Volunteer Program  
 The Sam Hornish Jr. Foundation  
 Toledo Community Foundation: ProMedica Advocacy Fund





# FUNDED PROGRAMS

## HEALTH

Back Pack Buddy: United Way of Defiance County  
 Counseling: The Center for Child and Family Advocacy  
 Feeding Success: United Way of Defiance County  
 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  
 Therapeutic Riding: Lily Creek Farm

## 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  
 School Assemblies: Fellowship of Christian Athletes

## FINANCIAL STABILITY

Financial Empowerment Program: NOCAC  
 FlexRide: United Way of Defiance County  
 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 and Teen Line  
 Disaster Services: American Red Cross  
 Emergency Assistance: Ravens Care  
 Emergency Medicine: Ravens Care  
 Emergency Shelter: Ravens Care  
 House of Ruth: The Center for Child and Family Advocacy  
 Serenity Haven: Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio

## LASTING IMPACT

Community Engagement Center: United Way of Defiance County  
 The Monarch Fund: United Way of Defiance County  
 UWDC Endowment Fund: Defiance Area Foundation

Program descriptions available online at  
[www.unitedwaydefiance.org](http://www.unitedwaydefiance.org)



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2015	2016
Cash & Investments	\$ 550,065.00	\$ 622,377.00
Other Assets	\$ 2,203.00	\$ 1,903.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 552,268.00</b>	<b>\$ 624,280.00</b>
Unrestricted Funds	\$ 429,258.00	\$ 421,492.00
Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$ 119,341.00	\$ 202,788.00
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 552,268.00</b>	<b>\$ 624,280.00</b>
Campaign Revenue	\$ 265,575.00	\$ 310,114.00
Other Public Support	\$ 144,838.00	\$ 235,135.00
Other Revenue	\$ 73,994.00	\$ 76,083.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 484,407.00</b>	<b>\$ 621,332.00</b>
Agency Allocations	\$ 147,420.00	\$ 189,834.00
Program Services	\$ 182,152.00	\$ 249,558.00
Supporting Services	\$ 51,883.00	\$ 42,499.00
Fundraising	\$ 72,606.00	\$ 67,429.00
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 26,467.00</b>	<b>\$ 72,012.00</b>

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## SPECIAL EVENT SPONSORS

### ANNUAL MEETING

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### BALLOON FESTIVAL (\$250+)

Arthur Law Firm Co LPA.  
 Biggby Coffee  
 Chief Supermarkets  
 Citizens National Bank  
 City Beverage  
 Defiance County Regional Airport  
 Defiance Dental Group  
 Defiance Physical Therapy  
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 First Federal Bank  
 General Motors Defiance  
 K&P Medical Transport Ltd  
 Keller Logistics Group  
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### BALLOON FESTIVAL CONT. (\$250+)

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### TRIVIA NIGHT (\$250+)

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