

# Education

## **Black Swamp Area Council, Boy Scouts Scouting Scholarships**

The Boy Scouts of America is designed to incorporate activities and learning experiences that strengthen young peoples' attitudes and actions toward God, family, country, and community. This scholarship fund will help make it possible for those who need help with expenses to participate.

## **CPC Women's Health Resource Earn While You Learn**

Provides parenting education, pre-natal care information, life skills classes, and over 100 lessons to education expecting parents and give them the opportunity to earn Baby Bucks to use towards free car seats, cribs, and mattresses.

## **CPC Women's Health Resource Project Respect School Programming**

The program offered in schools helps to educate Defiance County youth to make healthy choices as they begin to experience life. Presentations include subjects that many youth do not discuss with their family members. The discussion allows youth to hear and understand the potential danger/hazards of risky behavior and gives them helpful suggestions to avoid this behavior, importance of good choices, and a better self esteem.

## **Holy Cross Catholic School Academic Assist and Social Wellness/VTA**

The Academic Assist and Social Wellness/VTA Program is a new program designed to help students with their academic transition from the 4th quarter of 2019-2020 to the 1st quarter of 2020-2021. The Program will also help to address social and emotional needs of students impacted by COVID-19.

## **Lily Creek Farms Therapeutic Riding**

Children and youth emotionally bond with horses, instructors, volunteers, and other students through a weekly one hour session helping to promote social and emotional development. Funds will be used to pay for tack equipment, hay, and farrier services.

## **United Way of Defiance County Imagination Library**

Offers a new age-appropriate book to children from birth to age 5 mailed monthly to their home to encourage early literacy. Since the program launched in 2009, 37,754 books have been delivered to Defiance County children enrolled in the program.

## **United Way of Defiance County Kindergarten Camp**

Offers a week-long kindergarten experience for students entering kindergarten that are identified during screening as needing additional preparation. These students are taught social skills, following instructions, holding a book, and fine motor skills including writing their name.

# Essential Services

## **American Red Cross Disaster Services**

Serves people affected by disaster and continually strengthens the capacity of communities for disaster response, recovery and readiness. Provides immediate emergency needs for food, clothing, and shelter.

## **The Center for Child and Family Advocacy House of Ruth**

Offers a safe, secure and confidential places to reside at no cost to victims and their families, as well as access to a 24 hour hotline. Victim advocates are available and provide emotional support, linkage to services, assistance with obtaining protection orders, and court advocacy and accompaniment.

## **Northwest Ohio CASA**

Recruits and trains CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) volunteers, who are appointed as Guardians ad Litem to represent the best interests of abused, neglected, and dependent children in court.

## **NOCAC**

### **Rapid Rehousing for Homeless Families**

Provides an intervention designed to help families exit homelessness, increase self-sufficiency, return to permanent house and stay house.

## **Ravens Care Emergency Assistance**

Provides emergency assistance to avoid disconnections that will cause further financial burden. Assistance in prevention of water, gas and electric shut off is provided and helps avoid hazardous situations in homes that have small children, senior citizens or individuals with potentially life-threatening illness.

## **Ravens Care Emergency Medicine**

Provides life sustaining prescription medications and supplies and gas vouchers for out of town life-sustaining medical procedures for clients who are unable to pay because of lack of insurance or income.

## **Ravens Care Homelessness Prevention**

Provides short-term assistance with shelter to ensure that no one is sleeping on the streets or in uninhabitable environments in Defiance County.

# Financial Stability

## **Legal Aid of Northwest Ohio Legal Assistance**

Provides free comprehensive civic legal assistance to low-income clients, addressing issues of domestic relations, domestic violence, access to education, eviction defense, housing conditions, disability law, access to government benefits, and consumer issues.

## **Maumee Valley Guidance Center It Takes Two**

Assists fathers in understanding their role in their child's life and educating them on the impact of fatherlessness. Consulting includes basic parenting skills, improving job readiness, and assisting fathers in overcoming personal issues that prevent them from taking an active role in their child's life.

## **NOCAC**

### **Financial Empowerment**

Financial Empowerment provides strategies that will empower low-income and vulnerable consumers to make informed choices that improve life skills, self-sufficiency, and financial capability.

# Health

## **The Center for Child and Family Advocacy Counseling**

Provides therapy for individuals affected by abusive behaviors such as sexual assault and domestic violence as well as other mental health issues. Treatments available include individual, family, marital, and group therapy. Also provided are parenting programs and bullying prevention programming for schools, churches, and the community at large.

## **Community Health Professionals Hospice Rays of Hope Camp**

This day camp is a safe place for kids ages 6-17 who are grieving the death of someone important in their lives. With the help of CHP Hospice grief counselors, the campers take a step toward healing. Together in small peer groups, the campers will process what they are feeling, learn healthy ways to cope with grief, and remember their loved ones.

## **Defiance County Health District My Plate Program**

This USDA evidence-based nutrition program introduces the importance of eating from all five food groups in addition to the importance of physical activity to 3rd grade students in all Defiance County schools. All lessons include hands-on activities to engage students in learning the nutrition concepts including a taste testing of various fruits and vegetables.

## **Maumee Valley Guidance Center Mental Health First Aid**

This 8-hour training teaches participants to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. It helps provide awareness of mental health issues, decreases stigma, and prepares participants how to respond to mental health crises, such as suicidal thoughts.

## **Maumee Valley Guidance Center Signs of Suicide**

Increases awareness and education of depression. Signs of Suicide is offered to all freshmen health classes in Defiance County school districts, and it teaches the action steps individuals should take if they experience the signs of depression or suicide, or see the signs in a friend.

## **NOCAC**

### **Path Center Transportation**

Provides rides to and from the Path Center where people can enjoy a free nutritious meal, activities and socialization in a healthy and non-judgmental atmosphere. It is an opportunity to prevent isolation for community members with limited income, mental illness, or in the recovery process.

## **NOCAC**

### **Summer Food Program**

Serves a healthy meal five days a week throughout the summer to children. In 2018, 34% of children were eligible for free or reduced meals in Defiance City Schools during the school year. This program allows those children to have access to a meal during the summer as well.

## **Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio Serenity Haven**

Provides chemical dependency and mental health treatment to women. Services include assessment, group, individual and family therapy, parenting classes, mental health counseling by licensed counselors and social workers. A psychiatrist is available on site as well as a full pharmacy, pharmacist, pharmacist tech, and primary care doctor.

## **United Way of Defiance County Backpack Buddy**

Provides kid-friendly and nutritious foods 35 weekends of the school year for children who qualify for free and reduced lunches at all public elementary schools in Defiance County.

## **United Way of Defiance County Feeding Success**

A personal care item and food pantry is stocked in every Defiance County middle and high school that allows counselors, teachers, administrators, and coaches the opportunity to access items when needs are presented.

# Lasting Impact

## **United Way of Defiance County Community Engagement Center**

Provides a resource for agencies and organizations to list their volunteer needs, in-kind requests, advocacy and employment needs, as well as community events. Community individuals can seek out needs in the community and events, and connect with the agencies.

## **United Way of Defiance County Endowment Fund**

Ensures that the United Way of Defiance County will leave a legacy for future generations, in addition to funding projects and programs today. Many donors are passionate about leaving a long term legacy, in addition to sharing today's dollars. This will assist in fulfilling the donor's passion, as well as touching more lives today, tomorrow, and in the future.



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