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# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT 2024

Uniting People & Resources.  
Improving Lives.



## THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 OUTSTANDING WORKPLACE CAMPAIGNS

Ayersville Local Schools  
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## 2023 IN REVIEW

**\$ 263,309.02** Raised

**803** Individual Donors

**\$ 267,338.86** Invested

**33** Programs Funded

**9,243** People Impacted

## YOUR MONEY MATTERS

**\$2**

pays for 1 book  
for a local child  
enrolled in  
imagination  
library

**\$3**

pays for a student  
to receive a  
backpack of  
nutritious food for  
a weekend

**\$7**

pays for a 30-  
day supply of  
life-sustaining  
medication for  
one person

**\$8**

pays for one day  
of food for an  
adult at the PATH  
Center

**\$25**

pays one  
participant's cost  
of materials for 4  
financial literacy  
courses

**99%** of our funding stays  
in Defiance County

Every donation makes a  
lasting impact. 

## FINANCIAL INFO

### Another Clean Audit

Shultz Huber & Associates, Inc. conducted the 2022-2023 audit of United Way of Defiance County, expressing an unmodified opinion on our financial statements.

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[www.unitedwaydefiance.org/reports](http://www.unitedwaydefiance.org/reports)



## THANK YOU

Thank you for playing an extremely important role in moving our community forward. Together, we accomplish so much more than when we work alone.

Because of your support, more children are succeeding in schools, more families have the tools they need to reach financial stability, and more people are enjoying healthier lives.

**\$6,243**

invested in 8 schools, now including elementary levels, to stock **Feeding Success** pantries with food and personal hygiene items

**153**

incoming students participated in a week long **Kindergarten Camp** program across 5 schools to prepare for the new school year

**13,940**

books were delivered to over 1,200 children (age birth to five years old), funded by UWDC in partnership with the Imagination Library of Ohio and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

## Internal Program Spotlight

**13,495** bags of food were packed for 400 students receiving a weekly bag through the **Backpack Buddy** program



Ask us about leaving a planned gift today!



Hand raisers. Difference makers.

# LEADERSHIP DONORS



414

GIVING SOCIETY

## TOCQUEVILLE

### SOCIETY \$10,000+

Debra Hench

Kelly & Steve Grube

Cathy & Steve Walker

### DIAMOND LEADERS

#### \$2,500 - \$9,999

Kay & Ken Boroff

John Boesling

Amy & Brian Callan

Barb & Tom Callan

Beth & AJ Hench

Bryan Keller

Abigail & John Stehulak

## TOP FOUNDATIONS



Defiance Rotary Foundation

Johns Manville STARS

Justin F Coressel Charitable Trust

St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

VFW Post 3360

ZONTA Club of Defiance

### GOLD LEADERS \$1,000 - \$2,499

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Abby & Jonathan Wolfrum

### SILVER LEADERS \$500 - \$999

Tylene Adams

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Bruce Busby

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# EVENT SUCCESS



## Days of Caring

Days of Caring is a special, multi-day service event where volunteers lend a hand to help local nonprofit agencies and other social service-based organizations. Last May, **83** volunteers from businesses in our community served at **9** different agency sites to help improve them through painting, landscaping, organizing, and more!

## Trivia Night



Last February, Trivia Night made a return for the 13th Annual event! 22 teams competed to earn the title of Trivia Champion. The fundraising event raised over \$6,700 for the UWDC and the Brown Brothers team "If you're not first, you're last" were crowned the winners!

## Blizzard Auction

For the second year, we partnered with WBNO 100.9FM for their annual Blizzard Auction. This one day, on-air radio event auctioned off amazing, donated items from our community, which listeners from around the area eagerly bid on throughout the day. In total, we **raised nearly \$12,000** to go towards our **Dolly Parton Imagination Library** program!



## 2023 Hot Air Balloon Festival

Last August, we celebrated our 9th Annual United Way of Defiance County Hot Air Balloon Festival. We hosted 15 Balloon pilots along with several festival guests and **raised nearly \$30,000** toward the Community Engagement Center (CEC). The CEC provides a platform for over 1,100 community members and 69 agencies to coordinate local volunteer needs and a **\$1,000 scholarship** to qualifying seniors!



## Dr. Seuss Day

Yearly, UWDC coordinates a birthday reading celebration for Dr. Seuss. Last March, **91** **volunteers** were recruited to read in a classroom to students at 7 elementary schools across Defiance County.



We believe it is critical to invest in community programs that provide strong support for *Education, Health, and Financial Stability* for **EVERYONE** in Defiance County.

## OUR 2023 COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAMS ●●●

*A Renewed Mind Services: Information & Referral Line*

*American Red Cross - Disaster Services*

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

*CPC Women's Health Resource - Earn While You Learn & Project Respect School Programming*

*Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities - Family Support Services*

*Defiance County Health District - My Plate Program*

*Defiance Dream Center - Workforce Development*

*Hicksville Community Service Center - Summer Food Program*

*Legal Aid of Northwest Ohio - Legal Assistance*

*Lily Creek Farms - Therapeutic Riding*

*Maumee Valley Guidance Center: Mental Health First Aid, & Signs of Suicide*

*Maumee Valley Planning Organization - Mobility Manager*

*NOCAC - Financial Opportunity Center, Path Center Transportation, Rapid Rehousing, & Summer Food Program*

*One Step at a Time - Remedy Live School Program*

*Operation Clean Duds - Free Laundry Program*

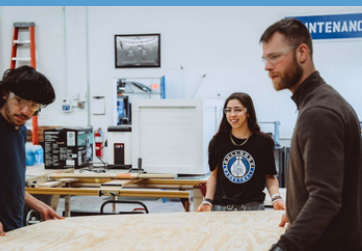
*Ravens Care - Emergency Assistance, Emergency Medicine, Homelessness Prevention, & Emergency Shelter*

*Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio - Serenity Haven*

*St. Vincent DePaul Society - Emergency Assistance*

*The Center for Child and Family Advocacy - Counseling & House of Ruth*

*Zion's Lutheran Church- Innkeepers Pantry & Community Meal*



**38,288** pounds of food was collected during the annual **Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive**

**355** individual's emergency needs were met through the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**575** passengers received rides from **PATH Transportation** to attend their free lunch program

**60** clients received weekly **Therapeutic Riding** lessons at Lily Creek Farms

**738** people received free laundry service through **Operation Clean Duds** monthly program



**410** children were served 1,558 lunch meals through NOCAC's **Summer Food** program

**616** CPC **Earn While You Learn** classes were held to educate expecting parents and provide them with needed baby items

**26** individuals were provided with **Emergency Medicine** assistance to purchase life sustaining medication