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COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT 2025

Uniting People & Resources.
Improving Lives.



THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 OUTSTANDING WORKPLACE CAMPAIGNS

Central Local Schools
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Defiance County Employees
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Shultz Huber & Associates, Inc.
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2024 IN REVIEW

\$ 296,274.07 Raised

805 Individual Donors

\$ 250,392.21 Invested

33 Programs Funded

10,557 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 2023-2024 audit of United Way of Defiance County, expressing an unmodified opinion on our financial statements.

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Shultz Huber & Associates staff
serving lunch at the PATH Center

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.



Internal Program Spotlight

15,100

bags of food were packed for 460 students receiving a weekly bag through the **Backpack Buddy** program

\$6,252

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

66

incoming students participated in a week long **Kindergarten Camp** program across 4 schools to prepare for the new school year

15,494

books were delivered to over 1,500 children (age birth to five years old), funded by UWDC in partnership with the Imagination Library of Ohio and **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**



Chicken Dinner Fundraiser



Backpack Buddy Food Unloading



ProMedica Staff at Lily Creek Farms for Days of Caring

Ask us about leaving a planned gift today!

Hand raisers. Difference makers.

LEADERSHIP DONORS

414
GIVING SOCIETY

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

TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY \$10,000+

Debra Hench
Kelly & Steve Grube
Cathy & Steve Walker

DIAMOND LEADERS \$2,500 - \$9,999

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TOP FOUNDATIONS

Bruce A. Fortier Charitable Trust
Defiance Rotary Foundation
GM Community Impact Grant
Hicksville Eagles Aerie #2556
Johns Manville STARS
Justin F Coressel Charitable Trust
Moose Lodge #2094

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, **64** 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 14th Annual event! **24 teams** competed to earn the title of Trivia Champion. The fundraising event raised over **\$7,000** for the UWDC and the Brown Brothers team **"For the Trifecta"** were crowned the winners!

Blizzard Auction

For the third 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 over \$11,000** to go towards our **Backpack Buddy** program!

2024 Hot Air Balloon Festival

Last August, we celebrated our **10th Annual United Way of Defiance County Hot Air Balloon Festival**. We hosted **18** Balloon pilots, **14** food vendors, **23** marketplace vendors, **9** community partner/sponsor booths, and **raised over \$30,000**. In honor of our 10th Annual Event, we also hosted five "special shape" balloons including Space Cowboy, Carnival Clown, Tom Cat, Jerry Mouse, & Yellow Bird.



Dr. Seuss Day

Yearly, UWDC coordinates a birthday reading celebration for Dr. Seuss. Last March, **105 volunteers** were recruited to read in a classroom to students at **8** elementary schools across Defiance County.

UTV Raffle

As a new fundraiser, we partnered up with McCarthy's - Honda Kawasaki to raffle off a 2025 UTV. Our winner was able to choose between the UTV or a cash prize. Our proceeds of nearly **\$7,500** started off the pot for our 2024 Campaign goal.



NOCAC Summer Food Program



2024 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

OUR 2024 COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAMS

The Ability Center - Durable Medical Equipment & Home Modification Program

Black Swamp Area Council, Boy Scouts - Scouting Scholarships

The Center for Child and Family Advocacy, Inc. - Counseling & House of Ruth

Children's Lantern - Kinship Lantern of Hope

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

Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities - Individual 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 - Equine Assisted Services

Maumee Valley Planning Organization - Mobility Manager

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

One Step at a Time - Mental Health & Suicide Prevention School Programming

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 de Paul Society - Emergency Assistance

Zion's Lutheran Church - Innkeepers Pantry & Community Meal

31,475

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

793

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

15

families were able to stay in their homes during temporary financial crises through **Ravens Care Homelessness Prevention** program

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.

13

individuals were certified in **HeartSaver CPR / AED** training during our community course offerings

205

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

16

clients were provided with **Durable Medical Equipment** through the Ability Center

407

individual's received funds for emergency needs through the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**



PATH Center Transportation

1,846

lunch meals were served through NOCAC's **Summer Food** program

379

expecting parents were provided with needed baby materials through the CPC's **Earn While you Learn** program

36

nights of safe shelter were provided through **Ravens Care Emergency Shelter** program



One Step at a Time 5K Run/Walk



Defiance Dream Center



Lily Creek Farms Equine Assisted Services