



# UNITED WAY

## Defiance County

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## Pledge Form

### STEP 1

**Donor Information (Please Print)** - Your personal information is confidential and is never sold or shared.

Name/Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

### STEP 2

**Gift Amount and Payment Method**

**Payroll Deduction:**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ per pay period

☐ Weekly (52)

☐ Bi-weekly (26)

☐ Semi-Monthly (24)

☐ Monthly (12)

**Cash, Check, or Credit Card:**

☐ Cash \$\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt \$\_\_\_\_\_

*Payable to United Way of Defiance County*

☐ Credit card \$\_\_\_\_\_\*

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**Bill Me:** \$\_\_\_\_\_

☐ By Mail  
☐ By Email

☐ Monthly

☐ Quarterly

☐ Semi-annually

☐ Once \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Total Gift: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Total gifts at or above \$500 are recognized as a leadership gift & include membership in the 414 Giving Society.

### STEP 3

**Additional Gift Options**

☐ I would like to ADD \$30 to my gift to sponsor a child for one year in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Enrolled children received a new book in the mail once a month until they turn 5. The program is free to Defiance County children.



☐ I would like to ADD \$100 to my gift to sponsor a child's food through the United Way of Defiance County's Backpack Buddy Program for one school year. Families can opt-in to this program if they qualify for free or reduced lunches.



☐ Check enclosed for added gift

☐ Add to Bill Me above

### STEP 4

**Choose how you want to invest in your community.**

☐ Please use my gift where it is needed most.

☐ I wish to designate all or some of my gift to one or more United Way Partner Agencies or another United Way:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Agency/Program/UW \_\_\_\_\_

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### STEP 5

**Please sign and date your pledge.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have included or will include United Way in my estate plans.

☐ I am interested in volunteering.

**Thank you for your support!**

Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law.  
No goods or services have been given in return for this pledge.

# 2025-2026 FUNDED PROGRAMS



## EDUCATION

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

#### **Scouting America Programs (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Career Exploring)**

This funding will help our youth practice community service through volunteerism, learn life and job skills through practicing citizenship and personal development exploration, and participate in healthy outdoor activities through camp experiences.

### **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 youths 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.

### **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, nearly 90,000 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

### **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 protections orders, and court advocacy and accompaniment.

### **Children's Lantern**

#### **Kinship Lantern of Hope**

This program serves the Defiance County Area Schools and provides funding to families that meet the criteria of kinship families such as those who are caring for their grandkids, nieces, nephews, or any child that is not biologically theirs, to help them in times of need.

### **Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

#### **Individual Support Services**

Provides services and financial assistance to aid board-eligible children, adults, their family, and guardians to acquire goods, services, and supports that address the special needs of their loved one with a disability.

### **Operation Clean Duds**

#### **Free Laundry Program**

Provides financial assistance for anyone in need of laundry service in the Defiance County area.

### **Ravens Care**

#### **Emergency Utility 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 Shelter**

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

### **Ravens Care**

#### **Homelessness Prevention**

Provides short-term assistance with rent/mortgages to avoid evictions and prevent homelessness.

### **St. Vincent DePaul Society**

#### **Emergency Assistance**

Provides emergency assistance to avoid discrimination in utilities as well as rent assistance to avoid evictions.

## LASTING IMPACT

### **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. This will assist in fulfilling the donor's passion, as well as touching more lives today, tomorrow, and in the future.

## FINANCIAL STABILITY

### **Defiance Dream Center**

#### **Mobile Ignite Workforce Workshop**

A mobile workforce training initiative designed to bring hands-on skilled trade trainings directly to Defiance County schools. This program offers training in automotive, electrical, construction, and plumbing.

### **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.

### **NOCAC**

#### **Financial Opportunity Center**

Financial opportunity 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.

### **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.

### **Hicksville Community Service Center**

#### **Summer Food Program**

Serves a healthy meal five days a week throughout the summer to children in the Hicksville community.

### **Lily Creek Farms**

#### **Equine Assisted Services**

Lily Creek Farms is a therapeutic riding center for individuals with disabilities. They offer professional instructors, caring volunteers, and gentle horses. Their human-animal team provides rewarding and breakthrough experiences to improve the quality of their participants' lives.

### **NOCAC**

#### **Path Center Soup Kitchen & 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.

### **One Step at a Time**

#### **School Programming & 5K Walk & Run**

Provides community and school programs to educate our youth on mental health, suicide prevention, and awareness.

### **Ravens Care**

#### **Emergency Medicine Assistance**

The Emergency Medication program provides financial aid for individuals in need of quality-of-life sustaining medications, psychiatric medications, or medical supplies while seeking other long-term solutions

### **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.

### **Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio**

#### **Serenity Spring**

Newly opened women's recovery house which provides a safe, sober place to work on one's recovery, employment, and long term housing.

### **United Way of Defiance County**

#### **Backpack Buddy**

Provides kid-friendly and nutritious foods 35 weekends of the school year for children for free 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 school that allows counselors, teachers, administrators, and coaches the opportunity to access items when needs are presented. Now offered at Four County Career Center.