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COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT 2023

Uniting People & Resources.
Improving Lives.



THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 OUTSTANDING WORKPLACE CAMPAIGNS

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\$3,500

invested in 7 schools, now including Four County Career Center, to stock **Feeding Success** pantries with food and personal hygiene items

109

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

13,017

books were delivered to over 1,100 children (age birth to five years old), funded by UWDC in partnership with the Imagination Library of Ohio and **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**

2022 IN REVIEW

\$ 307,671.39 Raised

9,905 People impacted

31 Programs funded

809 Individual Donors

\$ 5,972.16 COVID-19
Emergency Relief
Fund dispersed

\$ 262,327.88 Invested

Internal Program Spotlight

13,720 bags of food were packed for 392 students receiving a weekly bag through the **Backpack Buddy** program



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 2021-22 audit of United Way of Defiance County, expressing an unmodified opinion on our financial statements.

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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.



Ask us about leaving a planned gift today!

Hand raisers. Difference makers.

LEADERSHIP DONORS



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GIVING SOCIETY

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

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Chris & Randy Yoder

Trivia Night



After a two year hiatus, our beloved Trivia Night made a return for the 12th Annual event! 18 teams competed to earn the title of Trivia Champion. Our mystery host, Sarah Tackett, was no stranger to the crowd as she took over the reigns from Ken Wetstein. The fundraising event raised over \$6,200 for the UWDC and the Chamber Champs were crowned the winners!

Blizzard Auction

New this year, we partnered with WBNO 100.9 B-Rock Radio 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 \$15,000** to go towards our **Feeding Success** school pantries!

TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY \$10,000+

Debra Hench

Denise & Mark Hench

Kelly & Steve Grube

Cathy & Steve Walker

DIAMOND LEADERS

\$2,500 - \$9,999

Evelyn & John Boesling

Amy & Brian Callan

Barb & Tom Callan

Terry Howarth

Bryan Keller

Brooke & Drew Shindler

Jennifer & Doug Shindler

Abigail & John Stehulak

TOP FOUNDATIONS



Cub Scouts Pack 141

Defiance Area Foundation

Defiance Rotary Foundation

Friends of Sherwood Library

Geenex Simply Solar

Johns Manville STARS

Justin F Coressel Charitable Trust

VFW Post 3360

ZONTA Club of Defiance



2022 Hot Air Balloon Festival Success

Last year, we celebrated our 8th Annual United Way of Defiance County Hot Air Balloon Festival. Taking place on the first Saturday of August, we hosted over 5,000 festival guests and **raised nearly \$30,000** toward the Community Engagement Center (CEC). The CEC provides a platform for over 959 community members and 67 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 year, **82 volunteers** were recruited to read in a classroom to students at 6 elementary schools across Defiance County.



OUR 2022 COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAMS ●●●

A Renewed Mind Services: Information & Referral Line

American Red Cross: Disaster Services

Black Swamp Area Council, Boy Scouts: Scouting Scholarships

The Center for Child & Family Advocacy: Counseling & House of Ruth

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

Defiance County Health District: My Plate Program

Defiance Dream Center: Workforce Development Program

Holy Cross Catholic School: The Science of Reading

Legal Aid of Western Ohio: Legal Assistance for Low-Income Residents

Lily Creek Farms: Therapeutic Riding

Maumee Valley Guidance Center: It Takes Two, Mental Health First Aid, & Signs of Suicide

Maumee Valley Planning Organization: Mobility Manager Program

NOCAC: Financial Opportunity Center, PATH Center Transportation, Rapid Rehousing & Summer Food Program

Operation Clean Duds: Free Laundry Program

Ravens Care: Emergency Assistance, Emergency Medicine, Emergency Shelter & Homelessness Prevention

Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio: Serenity Haven

Zion Lutheran Church: Innkeepers Pantry & Community Meals

18,000 pounds of food was collected during the return of the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

1,029 meals were served through the Innkeepers monthly community meal

472 students throughout the county received the **Signs of Suicide** training from Maumee Valley Guidance Center

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.

283

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

28

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



563

children were served 2,195 lunch meals through NOCAC's **Summer Food** program

788

nights of shelter were provided to Defiance County residents at the **House of Ruth**

74

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

