



12 FAST FACTS

PARTNER WITH US TO
MAKE AN IMPACT IN
DEFIANCE COUNTY

LIVE UNITED

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 We have been serving Defiance County for **68 years**.
- 2 United Way of Defiance County funds **30 programs** in Defiance County. View the list of funded programs on our website.
- 3 **1,167 children** from birth to age 5 are currently enrolled in Imagination Library. We have graduated 1,794 children from the program and distributed over **87,771 books since 2009**.
- 4 We have organized and put on the **Defiance County Hot Air Balloon Festival** for **9 years** now. The event is our biggest fundraiser. We look forward to the 10th Annual event.
- 5 We are audited annually and you can review our IRS 990 on our website. You can also see our annual reports.
- 6 We have stuffed over **164,000 bags of food through Backpack Buddy** since we began in 2010.
- 7 **Feeding Success** food & personal care item pantries are available at all county schools, and now includes Four County Career Center!
- 8 We are not government funded. We do fund programs in Defiance County that also receive government funding, and our dollars can bridge gaps and support specific needs of our county and community. Ask us about this.
- 9 We coordinate over **1,000 hours of community service** and award **\$1,000 Youth Volunteer Scholarship** annually through the Community Engagement Center. Sign up to get alerts when volunteer opportunities in Defiance County meet your interests at www.volunteerdefiancecounty.com
- 10 What's raised here, stays here. **99% of our funds stay in Defiance County**. Only 1% go to United Way Worldwide and Ohio United Way which comes back to us in professional development and resources.
- 11 You can help us improve the health, education, financial stability and basic needs of Defiance County residents by making a donation to this year's campaign. Help us reach our goal of **\$300,000**. You can text: "defiance" to 26989 or go to our website to fill out a pledge form.
- 12 Donors may designate their donation to a specific program or to another United Way.

United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community. We have one life. To live better, we must **LIVE UNITED**.

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