

2023-2024 FUNDED PROGRAMS



United Way of
Defiance County

EDUCATION

Black Swamp Area Council, Boy Scouts Scouting Scholarships

The Boy Scouts of America is designed to incorporate activities and learning experiences that strengthen young peoples' attitudes and actions toward God, family, country, and community. This scholarship fund will help make it possible for those who need help with expenses to participate.

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.

Lily Creek Farms Therapeutic Riding

Children and youth emotionally bond with horses, instructors, volunteers, and other students through a weekly one-hour session helping to promote social and emotional development. Funds will be used to pay for tack equipment, hay, and farrier services.

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, 37,754 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

American Red Cross Disaster Services

Serves people affected by disaster and continually strengthens the capacity of communities for disaster response, recovery, and readiness. Provides immediate emergency needs for food, clothing, and shelter.

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.

Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities Family Support Services

Provides services and financial assistance to aid a family in providing the best care for their loved one.

Maumee Valley Planning Organization Mobility Manager

The mobility manager will develop and maintain effective work-ing relationships with all levels of staff, community leaders, government representative, customers, and the public. This work will be done through the promotion of available resources as well as identifying opportunities for enhancements.

NOCAC Rapid Rehousing for Homeless Families

Provides an intervention designed to help families exit homelessness, increase self-sufficiency, and return to permanent housing.

Operation Clean Duds Free Laundry Program

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

Ravens Care Emergency 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 Medicine

Provides life sustaining prescription medications and supplies and gas vouchers for out-of-town life-sustaining medical procedures.

Ravens Care Homelessness Prevention/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.

St. Vincent DePaul Society Emergency Assistance

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

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Defiance Dream Center Workforce Development

In collaboration with Northwest State Community College, Ohio Means Jobs, Defiance County Workforce Development, and Defiance High School, the Workforce Development program offers training in three different educational tiers focused on automotive skills, construction trade skills, and holistic character development.

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.

NOCAC Path Center 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 Remedy Live School Program

An interactive school assembly engaging our youth on the topic of mental health.

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.

United Way of Defiance County Backpack Buddy

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

LASTING IMPACT

United Way of Defiance County Community Engagement Center

Provides a resource for agencies and organizations to list their volunteer needs, in-kind requests, advocacy and employment needs, as well as community events. Community individuals can seek out needs in the community and events and connect with the agencies.

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.