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# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT 2026

Uniting People & Resources.  
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# THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 OUTSTANDING WORKPLACE CAMPAIGNS

Ayersville Schools  
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## 2025 IN REVIEW

**\$308,124.17** Raised

**769** Individual Donors

**\$283,055.33** Invested

**32** Programs Funded

**11,311** People Impacted

## YOUR MONEY MATTERS

**\$2**

pays for 1 book for a local child enrolled in Dolly Parton's 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 for one week of clean laundry for a family of four

**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 2024-2025 audit of United Way of Defiance County, expressing an unmodified opinion on our financial statements.

### FOR A COPY, VISIT

[www.unitedwaydefiance.org/reports](http://www.unitedwaydefiance.org/reports)



Dr. Seuss Week Volunteer Readers at Defiance Elementary

## 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

**16,200**

bags of food were packed for 500 students receiving a weekly bag through the **Backpack Buddy** program

**\$7,026**

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

**91**

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

**15,150**

books were delivered to nearly 1,300 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 Packing



ProMedica Staff at Defiance Dream Center

Ask us about leaving a planned gift today!

# Hand raisers. Difference makers.

# LEADERSHIP DONORS

# 414

GIVING SOCIETY

# EVENT SUCCESS

## TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY \$10,000+

Debra Hench  
 Kelly & Steve Grube  
 Cathy & Steve Walker



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

John Boesling  
 Kay & Ken Boroff  
 Barb & Tom Callan  
 Beth & AJ Hench  
 Grant Insurance Agency  
 Terry Howarth  
 K&P Medical Transport  
 Julianne & John Liming  
 Brooke & Drew Shindler  
 Jennifer & Doug Shindler  
 Sheri & Mike Steyer

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

Rob Bourn  
 Anthony Cosentino  
 Christopher Desautels  
 Keeta & Mark Diller  
 Mark Ferris  
 Jeffrey & Peg Hahn  
 Connie & John Higbea  
 Linda Hoffman  
 Mary & Bryan Keller  
 Barb & Mark Klein  
 Terry Melton  
 Robert Morris  
 Ted Penner  
 Lea & John Rohrs  
 Jim & Karen Schmidt  
 Alexis Smith  
 Jenney Snyder  
 Abigail & John Stehulak  
 Angie & Tyson Stuckey  
 Stephanie & Michael Wahl  
 Savanna & Ian Weber  
 John Weinberg

## SILVER LEADERS \$500 - \$999

Jill Austin  
 Emily Baker  
 Wendy Baker  
 Pam & Robert Barnett  
 Lisa & Brian Becher  
 Jacob Belcher  
 Mary Boyd  
 Sarah & John Cates  
 Lars Cleland  
 Katie & Brandon Clementz  
 Lawrence Culler  
 Amy & Kenny Daeger  
 Nondas & Mike Faber  
 Helen Frey  
 Alyson & Ryan Hageman  
 Don & Ann Hange  
 Amy Hoffman  
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## 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, **73** volunteers from businesses in our community served at **8** different agency sites to help improve them through painting, landscaping, organizing, and more!

## Trivia Night

Last February, Trivia Night made a return for the 15th Annual event! **30 teams** competed to earn the title of Trivia Champion. The fundraising event raised over \$9,000 for UWDC and team **"Knowledge Bombs"** were crowned the winners!

## Blizzard Auction

For the 4th year, we partnered with WBNO 100.9FM for their annual Blizzard Auction. This one day, on-air radio event auctioned off amazing items donated by individuals and businesses in our community, which listeners from around the area eagerly bid on throughout the day. In total, we **raised over \$16,000** to go towards our new Defiance RIDES transportation program!

## 2025 Hot Air Balloon Festival

Last August, we celebrated our **11th Annual United Way of Defiance County Hot Air Balloon Festival**. We hosted **20** Balloons, **16** food vendors, **30+** marketplace vendors, **9** community partner/sponsor booths, and **raised over \$38,000!** We are looking forward to next year's event on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.



## Dr. Seuss Week

Yearly, UWDC coordinates a birthday reading celebration for Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Last March, **101 volunteers** were recruited to read in a classroom to students at **8** elementary schools across Defiance County.

## UTV Raffle

For the second year, we partnered up with McCarthy's - Honda Kawasaki to raffle off a 2026 UTV. Our winner was able to choose between the UTV or a cash prize. Our proceeds of nearly \$8,500 started off the pot for our 2025 Campaign goal.

## TOP FOUNDATIONS

7Brew  
 Defiance Area Foundation  
 Defiance Rotary Foundation  
 GM Community Impact Grant  
 Hicksville Eagles Aerie #2556  
 Johns Manville STARS  
 Justin F Coressel Charitable Trust  
 Keller Family Foundation  
 Midwest Comm. Federal Credit Union  
 Moose Lodge #2094



F&M Bank Employees at Lily Creek Farms

2025 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

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.

**144** individuals were supported with utility bill assistance through Ravens Care's **Emergency Utility Assistance Program**

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

**23** women were provided residential treatment at Recovery Services of NWO's **Serenity Haven** Recovery House

**406** individuals received funds for emergency needs through the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

## OUR 2025 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
- Community Health Professionals- Home Hospice
- CPC Women's Health Resource - Earn While You Learn & Project Respect
- Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities - Individual Support Services
- Defiance County Health District - My Plate Program
- Defiance Dream Center - Mobile Ignite Workforce Program
- Hicksville Community Service Center - Summer Food Program
- Legal Aid of Northwest Ohio - Legal Assistance
- Lily Creek Farms - Equine Assisted Services
- NOCAC - Financial Opportunity Center, Path Center Soup Kitchen and 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 & Serenity Spring
- St. Vincent de Paul Society - Emergency Assistance

**48,000** pounds of food was collected during the annual **Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive**

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

**40** people were able to stay in their homes during temporary financial crises through Ravens Care's **Homelessness Prevention** program



**1,528** lunch meals were served through NOCAC's **Summer Food** program

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

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



Black Swamp Area Council - Scouting America



Defiance Dream Center

CPC Women's Health Resource Earn While You Learn