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The Duke Energy Foundation Sponsors all Tools Orders during August & September at the Cincinnati ToolBank!

CINCINNATI, OH -July 31, 2015 - The Cincinnati Community ToolBank is pleased to announce that The Duke Energy Foundation has renewed its support of the Cincinnati ToolBank making a generous contribution that will allow all approved members of the ToolBank free access to tools during the months of August and September.

Casey Ruschman, Foundation and Community Affairs, with Duke Energy, said giving back to the communities Duke Energy serves has been a longstanding hallmark of what the company is all about. "ToolBank is a great avenue for our employees, and other non-profit organizations, to utilize as they focus on projects that enhance and improve the places where we live and work."

"We are thrilled that Duke Energy continued their support of the Cincinnati ToolBank and our nonprofit member agencies in this year." said Kat Pepmeyer, Cincinnati Community ToolBank executive director. "Over the past two years Duke Energy's sponsorship equipped 17,570 volunteers with over \$350,000 worth of tools! Their generosity had a tremendous impact on our agencies, enabling many of them to complete projects that otherwise wouldn't have been possible."

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About the Cincinnati ToolBank

The Cincinnati Community ToolBank is a nonprofit tool lending program that serves charitable organizations by putting high-quality tools in the hands of the volunteers who are planting trees, repairing seniors' roofs, landscaping public spaces, and more, guaranteeing that every volunteer is equipped with the tools they need to get the job done. ToolBank's resources empower all nonprofit organizations to perform larger, more ambitious, and more frequent service projects in the community.

The Cincinnati ToolBank is also an affiliate of ToolBank USA, the parent organization of the national ToolBank network based out of Atlanta. The growing network of ToolBank affiliates has been serving the charitable and non-profit sector for more than 20 years. Membership is free and once an agency has completed the application process, they can then check out tools online in one-week increments for up to eight weeks at a time for a small handling fee equivalent to 3% of the tool retail value. By housing, maintaining, and lending tools to charitable organizations ToolBanks enable nonprofit agencies to be more efficient, productive and to complete more skilled volunteer projects.

The Cincinnati ToolBank is accepting donations to help fund the tool lending program. For more information about the Cincinnati ToolBank or how you can support its community efforts, please call Kat Pepmeyer at 513-246-0015

About The Duke Energy Foundation

The Duke Energy Foundation provides philanthropic support to address the needs vital to the health of its communities. Annually, the Foundation funds more than \$25 million in charitable grants, with a focus on education, environment, economic and workforce development, and community impact. Duke Energy has long been committed to supporting the communities where its customers and employees live and work, and will continue to build on this legacy.