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## PNC Bank Partners with the Cincinnati ToolBank to Provide Free Tools for Local Nonprofits in April

CINCINNATI, OH - March 9, 2016 - The Cincinnati ToolBank is pleased to announce that due to the generosity of PNC, nonprofits and charitable organizations will have access to free tool orders during the entire month of April. Dale Kozma, Senior Vice President and Director of Client & Community Relations Office says, "PNC is proud to continue our partnership with the Cincinnati Tool Bank allowing broader support for community agencies to better equip their volunteers as they work to increase community impact through targeted projects and beautification efforts in the month of April and beyond."

This will be the fourth year PNC has partnered with the ToolBank to provide a month of free tools for ToolBank's member agencies. Last April, the ToolBank deployed over \$95,000 worth of tools and since 2013, has experienced over a 200% increase in the number of tool orders placed during the months where the handling fees are underwritten by PNC. Having access to free tools in a month like April has helped our neighborhood and community councils better equip their volunteers and drastically increase the impact of their efforts.

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.

## About the Cincinnati ToolBank

The Cincinnati ToolBank was the fourth affiliate of ToolBank USA, the parent organization of the national network of ToolBanks. The growing networks of ToolBank affiliates are modeled after the highly successful Atlanta Community ToolBank, which has served greater Atlanta's charitable sector for more than 25 years, are now located in Charlotte, NC, Baltimore, MD, Cincinnati, OH, Richmond, VA, Houston, TX, Phoenix, AZ, Portland OR, and soon to be in Chicago, IL. 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