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Cincinnati ToolBank Announces Four New Members to its Board of Directors

CINCINNATI, OH - January 22, 2019 - The Cincinnati Community ToolBank announces today that it has welcomed four new members to their Board of Directors. Jamie Bierman, Julie Italiano, Mandi Rassel and Zachary Scheid each bring valuable perspective, dynamic skill sets and experience with nonprofits that will help the ToolBank continue to prosper and grow in 2019. While the start of year introduces fresh talent to the board, it also means that the ToolBank will be bidding farewell to several board members, including one founding director.

The following individuals represent new additions to the ToolBank's Board of Directors:

Jamie Bierman, Senior HR Advisor at HR Elements. Jamie joins the Board of Directors as a high-energy human resources leader with over 13 years of strategic human resource experience in retail and commercial HR experience and has a passion for giving back to the community. Jamie has spent the majority of her career focused on developing and managing leadership development, coaching & training programs, performance management & strategic planning, as well as participating as an HR executive member of various internal business teams. HR Elements has supported the ToolBank in a variety of capacities including providing volunteers for the ToolBank's mission-related events. Jamie is a resident of Liberty Township. The Cincinnati Community ToolBank is excited to welcome Jamie to the Board of Directors.

Julie Italiano, Marketing Director at Modern Office Methods. Julie Italiano joins the Board of Directors with 15 years' experience in marketing and PR. In her most recent role with Modern Office Methods, Julie is responsible for developing the company's marketing initiatives and driving strategic growth through PR initiatives. Her introduction to the ToolBank came in 2014 through MOM's philanthropic program, "Jump START Your Nonprofit". Since then, she has become an ardent supporter of the ToolBank—having volunteered with "Banking on Our Community" for five years and on the Hammers & Ales planning committee for two years. Julie is a resident of Hyde Park/Oakley. She is honored to join the board of the ToolBank and is excited to use her skill set to contribute to the ToolBank's mission.

Mandi Rassel, Senior Accounting Manager at Cold Jet. Mandi Rassel joins the Board of Directors with a strong background in accounting and enthusiasm for the mission. In her 11- year tenure with Cold Jet, she has risen from intern to manager and overseen the financial and system integration of two acquisitions. Mandi first became involved with the ToolBank in the annual "Banking on the Community" event in 2014. In 2018, she expanded her activities by joining the Banking planning committee and coordinating the volunteer efforts for the ToolBank's annual Hammers & Ales fundraiser. She is a resident of Oakley and is very excited to share her passion for the ToolBank's mission with her extended network.

Zachary Scheid, Corporate Banking Senior Associate with in Corporate & Institutional Banking at PNC Bank. Zachary Scheid joins the Board of Directors with a strong background in finance. Zachary

spent his first year and a half with PNC Bank in Charlotte, North Carolina where he became very involved in PNC's internal Employee Business Resource Groups. During his time in Charlotte, Zachary volunteered with the Charlotte Community ToolBank's as a Board Member. He moved back to Over the Rhine to continue his career with PNC. The Cincinnati Community ToolBank is happy to welcome Zachary to the Board of Directors.

Several directors have also stepped down from the board as their terms have recently ended. This includes **Doug Adams**, Senior Vice President and Team Leader at PNC Bank. Doug was ToolBank's founding Board President and dedicated eight years of service to the ToolBank. **Brandon Black**, Chief Illustration Officer at Drawnversation, **Chad Gagnon**, Investment Analyst at Eagle Realty Group, and **Paul Stautberg**, Operations Manager at Republic Services, Inc., have also stepped down from the Board of Directors.

"Our outgoing directors have made tremendous contributions to our organization and has allowed the ToolBank to provide even more "tools for change" to our community. In 2018, the ToolBank celebrated its 6th year of operation and was able to support 211 nonprofits, which would not have been possible without the support of our outgoing Directors." says Kat Pepmeyer, Executive Director of the Cincinnati ToolBank. "We sincerely thank them for their efforts over their combined 19 years of service to the ToolBank. We look forward to welcoming our incoming board members, utilizing their breadth of professional experience moving forward."

In addition to our incoming and outgoing board members, the ToolBank announced that Ryan Reckman, Vice President of Commercial Banking Relations at US Bank, will become Vice President under the leadership of current Board President, Stephen Burch.

For more information and a full list of ToolBank Board of Directors, please visit <http://bit.ly/toolbankboard>.

About the Cincinnati Community ToolBank

The Cincinnati Community ToolBank stewards an inventory of tools for lending to charitable organizations to increase the impact of their mission-related efforts in the community. Volunteers use these tools to complete projects such as planting trees, repairing seniors' roofs, landscaping public spaces, and more. ToolBank's resources empower all nonprofit organizations to perform larger, more ambitious, and more frequent service projects in the community. Learn more at www.cincinnati-toolbank.org.

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