

RETOOLING THE **FUTURE**

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For the past five years we have enjoyed partnering with our members to provide meaningful volunteer experiences for our sponsors. Last year we purchased a building that includes an additional 10,000 square feet of space for us to grow our inventory, staff, and develop additional programs to support training and workforce development. This year we planned to begin the build out, but we didn't however plan on a pandemic. We know that the COVID-19 pandemic is taking a toll on EVERYONE; and like many of our fellow nonprofits, our future is uncertain. Now, more than ever, our community and area nonprofits will need the ToolBank. We are doing everything in our power to ensure the ongoing operations of the ToolBank, including exploring additional funding sources. We must be creative. Thinking outside of the box is key and we hope you will join us.

Rather than organizing a one-day volunteer event off-site, we would like to schedule volunteer days that fully utilize your employees' specific talents and expertise to build out the restrooms and offices on the second floor. This will allow us to keep moving forward with our long-term plan for the space and also give us the ability to offer the space to nonprofit groups and/or earn revenue in the interim. This year, we hope you will consider renewing your support in for Building on Our Community in a revised format.

Our long term goal remains to build out a training center on the second floor and partner with organizations like ACI and our neighbors at Woodward Career Technical School to provide educational and workforce development opportunities for students. A collaborative effort like this will allow us to leverage valuable resources to complete the amended phase one renovations that will help the ToolBank support the ongoing operations and take community service to the next level.

Your company's name will not only be visible on the event t-shirts and banner, but recognition and your company's logo will be prominently displayed permanently on the 'Building on Our Community Wall of Donors' for years to come. In addition, each of the volunteer hours would be considered an in-kind contribution to our Capital Campaign, truly multiplying the impact of your dollars and time.

The truth is, your support this year is more important than ever. Building on Our Community generates more operating support than any other event we organize. When the dust settles, all the events that have been canceled or postponed will need to be rescheduled for our partners to rebound from the COVID-19 aftermath. When resources are scarce, nonprofits will need ToolBank's resources and tools more than ever. Like we have always been, we want to ensure the ToolBank is here support our community and local nonprofit agencies, and we hope you will join us in making that possible.

Sincerely,

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MISSION

The ToolBank serves community-based organizations by providing tools, equipment, and expertise to empower their most ambitious goals.

VISION

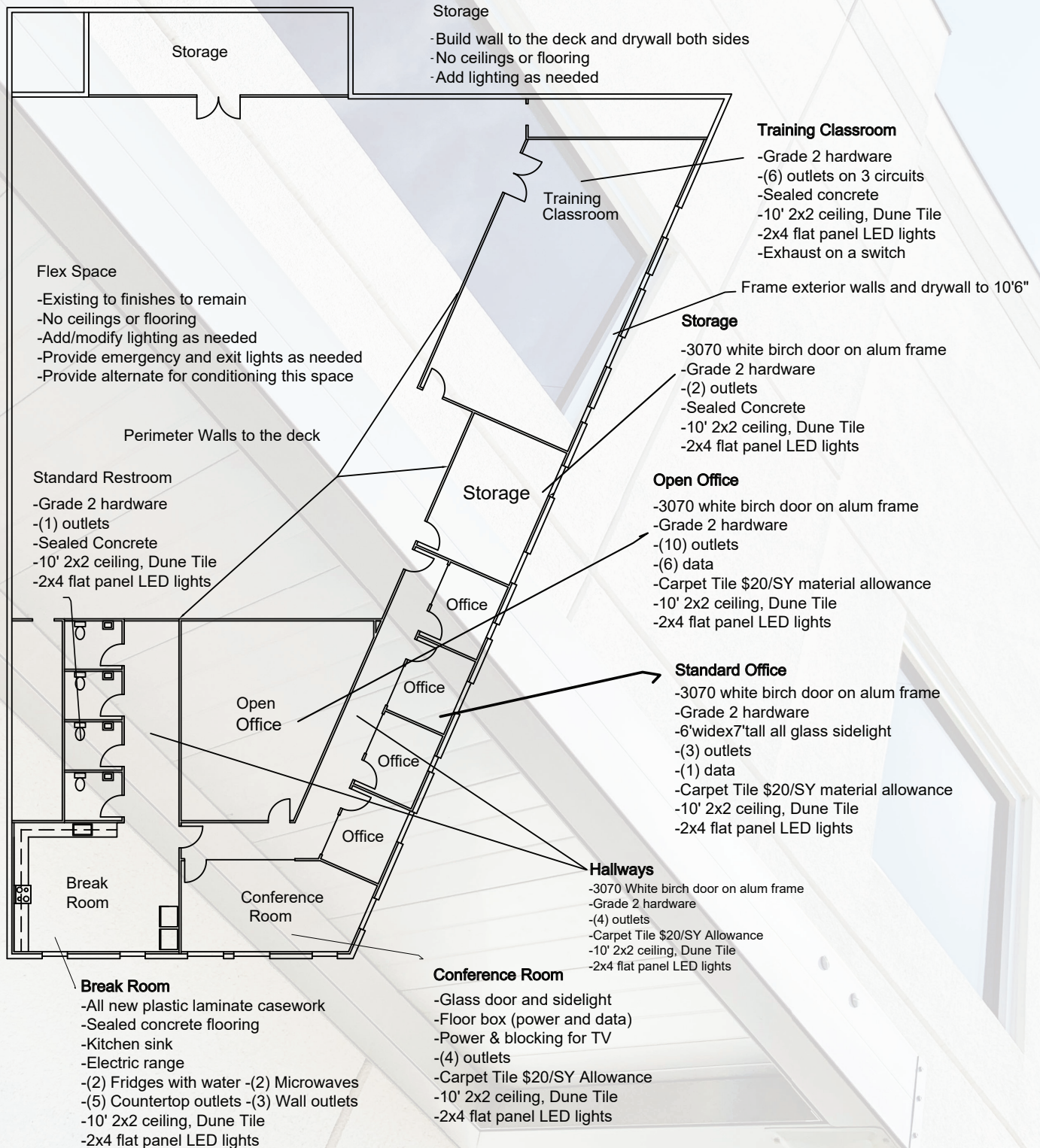
To equip the Greater Cincinnati community with tools for change.

The Cincinnati Community ToolBank incorporated in 2011 and officially opened its doors to the not-for-profit community in July of 2012. Since opening in 2012, the ToolBank has helped more than 430 nonprofit agencies in Greater Cincinnati complete nearly 17,350 projects by providing them with quick and reliable access to an inventory of high-quality tools and equipment. By providing this invaluable and much-needed resource to our member agencies, they have been able to equip more than 264,000 volunteers with nearly \$8M worth of tools!

The Cincinnati Community ToolBank is the fourth affiliate of ToolBank USA, the parent organization of the growing national network of ToolBanks. ToolBank affiliates are modeled after the highly successful Atlanta Community ToolBank, which has served Greater Atlanta's charitable sector for the past 27 years. The Charlotte Community ToolBank was the first affiliate to join the network in 2011, followed by Baltimore and Cincinnati in 2012. By 2015, the network had doubled in size, with ToolBanks opening in Richmond, VA, Houston, TX, and Phoenix, AZ. As a member of the ToolBank network, the Cincinnati Community ToolBank benefits greatly from the sharing of resources and best practices among affiliates. Even though we are an affiliate of the national ToolBank network, the Cincinnati Community ToolBank is independently operated, governed by a local board of directors, and relies solely on local funding to fulfill its mission.

SEYMOUR AVENUE BUILDING

2nd FLOOR PROPOSED



SEYMOUR AVENUE BUILDING

When the opportunity came up to consider this property, our leadership team spent an immense amount of time weighing the pros and cons. This three-floor building with 25,000 total square ft. located in Roselawn was relatively move-in ready with ample storage space, two garage doors (loading dock), suitable beginning office space, and a parking lot. Even though the location was on the edge of our original targeted location, the facility was too perfect to pass up. Ultimately, the deal that the Port Authority agreed to meant that we could move right away and not increase our immediate operating expenses by more than 10%.

The Seymour Avenue building offers numerous benefits that will have a significant, positive impact on the ToolBank's operations:

- Program improvements – space
- Entire building is flat and dry
- Two loading docks
- Room to increase inventory and procure larger tools (e.g., bush hogs and lawn mowers)
- Better staging area for larger tool orders
- Better working conditions for staff (more working space for interns, volunteers, and staff)
- Handicap / ADA accessible
- Central location that is easily accessible to member agencies
- Parking available off street
- Financial investment
- No property taxes
- Price per sq. ft. to purchase is \$24 / sq. ft. vs buildings around 20K sq. ft. of \$47-\$100 / sq. ft.

The additional space provides further benefits:

- Space to create a Tool Training Center and additional programming
- The ability to accept new partnerships that we have had to decline in the past (e.g., Little Libraries & Team Rubicon)
- Available space for community members and nonprofit partners to have meetings, events, office parties, and seminars
- The ability to host volunteers year round with temperature-controlled space
- The ability to do after-hour drop-offs and pick-ups

With minor improvements, the new warehouse space will allow for improved flow for tool pick-up and drop-off and increased inventory of tools, including specialized and larger tools (e.g. lawn mowers, generators, tillers, etc.). The additional space also lends itself to the processing of more tool donations along with space for staging of tools and materials for peak demand—all while occurring with concurrent volunteer events to clean, brand, repair, and maintain tools.

IMPACT

SINCE OPENING OUR DOORS...

8 MILLION

worth of tools and equipment have been borrowed by

425 NONPROFIT

organizations through the ToolBank's Tool Lending Program.

TOOL DONATIONS TOTALING

\$60K

from local Cincinnati partners.

crossroads



ACTIVE MEMBER AGENCIES

2019 231

2018 211

2017 166

2016 154

2015 124

2014 94

2013 73

The ToolBank has worked to build strong relationships with many nonprofit partners and has become the go-to resource for many of Greater Cincinnati's largest volunteer initiatives, including:



"Borrowing equipment from the ToolBank ensures we will have the necessary items needed for each free community event we host. We believe bringing the community together in various ways (concerts, lunches, kids' activities, etc.) builds a stronger sense of community. We are fortunate to have the space to hold these events and are grateful for our relationship with the ToolBank that allows us to pull off these events."

Lisa McClain, Arlington Memorial Garden

260,000

VOLUNTEERS EQUIPPED



1 MILLION

SERVICE HOURS

"The ToolBank has been such a vital resource and partner for the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden. The Zoo has a large volunteer base and facilitates a lot of projects throughout the year that would not be able to happen without the tools lent out by ToolBank. Hammers for building birdhouses and bat-boxes, shovels for horticulture work, and so much more!"

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

TOOL LENDING

Through the Cincinnati ToolBank's tool lending program, charitable organizations have affordable access to large quantities of high-quality tools and equipment without having to worry about the additional cost or responsibility of maintenance, repair, tracking, and storage when the equipment is not in use.

TOOL TYPES
2012 vs 2019 **240**

80



The ToolBank is a membership organization, available to organizations that provide proof of charitable intent. Members can borrow tools in one-week increments at a cost of only 3% of the value of the tools. Simply put, if an organization has **100 VOLUNTEERS** and they want to plant trees, they could either purchase **100 SHOVELS** at \$15 apiece or borrow them from the ToolBank for **\$45.00 FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK**. The tool lending program guarantees every volunteer is equipped with the right tools they need to get the job done. By borrowing, rather than purchasing tools, local nonprofit organizations can do more with limited resources and spend more time focused on their mission. They can also extend their capacity to imagine and accomplish larger, more frequent, and more impactful community projects.

"With our Field of Memories in particular, not only did we have the opportunity to honor and remember the men and women of our military, we were also able to raise enough funds to pay for multiple mobility ramps for veterans in our community."

- Lisa McClain, Arlington Memorial Gardens

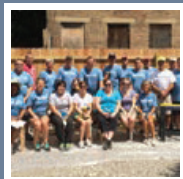
Shovels are not the only tool in the ToolBank's arsenal. In addition to an inventory of over 250 different types of tools, including landscaping, power tools, ladders, paint rollers, the ToolBank offers special events equipment (tables, chairs, tents, projectors, PA systems), and much more. With the expanded event inventory, the tool lending program helps organizations plan and host inclusive events that bring together communities, honor veterans, educate our children, and raise more money to support programming.

OUR PAST 2011

GRAND OPENING

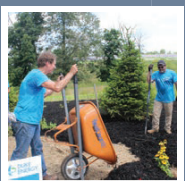
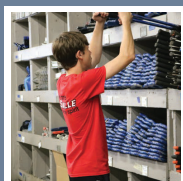
CCTB hires Executive Director, Kat Pepmeyer, and secures facility

Cincinnati ToolBank finishes renovations, stocks the shelves with tools, and officially opens its doors to the public



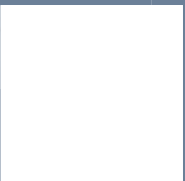
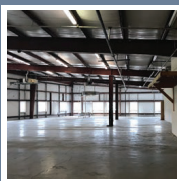
LOCAL PARTNERS

CCTB accepts \$25,000 tool donation from P&G and becomes a partner for the Reds Community Makeover and CCTB launches Building on Our Community



STAFFING UP

CCTB Board votes to increase staff to include 3 FT positions including Development and Communications Director



TOOLBANK 2.0

The CCTB staff had an extraordinarily busy year in 2019 with our move into our new home on Seymour Avenue. It is no small feat to move a 15,000 sq. ft. warehouse filled with tools and we can't thank our corporate and community partners enough.

The official ToolBank 2.0 Grand Opening was on Thursday, November 14 and we celebrated with a party packed with our friends, family, and supporters.

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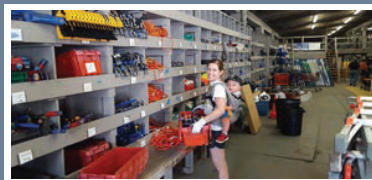
THE BEGINNING

Cincinnati Community ToolBank and founding Board of Directors raise \$175K and begin Executive Director search



FUNDRAISING

CCTB named finalist for Impact 100 Award & launches two of three annual fundraisers, Banking on Our Community and Hammers & Ales



STRATEGIC PLANNING

CCTB staff and Board develop 3 yr. strategic plan and identifies facility needs as a top priority CCTB staff works with GBBN to maximize current warehouse efficiencies



FUTURE PLANS & SUCCESS

CCTB Board and staff revise the strategic plan and begin assessing current facility and future needs

CCTB has its most successful year since opening by helping more than 211 nonprofit agencies to equip 45,109 volunteers, who were able to complete 2,795 projects. The total value of tools borrowed is \$1,621,935

