MISSION

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

VISION

To equip all communities with tools for change
Phoenix ToolBank, a locally based nonprofit, loans tools and equipment to a variety of charitable partners to **strengthen, enhance, and celebrate** our shared community through the work of volunteers, students, and staff.

ToolBank tools range from: power tools to support building projects, to hand held tools such as shovels to plant community gardens, to painting supplies for rehab/upkeep projects and even items such as tables and chairs for events. ToolBank specializes in carrying large quantities of high quality tools with close to 200 different tool types in inventory donated by our national sponsors such as Stanley Black & Decker/DeWALT, AMES, Little Giant Ladders, Home Depot and more.

By investing in ToolBank, nonprofits are able to equip volunteers and staff to support projects without having to redirect agency funding away from their critical missions. This also allows the nonprofit to avoid having to store, clean and maintain the tools, which may only be used for a one-time project or infrequent enough to provide additional cost versus benefit to the organization. ToolBank increases the capacity and impact of our local volunteer community to create sustainable, high-impact change. ToolBank tools have built playgrounds, cleaned up green spaces, and planted trees throughout our community. When provided access to tools, charitable organizations and volunteers are empowered to work on the front lines of the most entrenched problems facing our community.
Dear Friends of Phoenix ToolBank,

When I stood in an empty warehouse almost 5 years ago I could not have imagined the diversity of projects our tools would deploy to as they create change in our communities. All the tools were so clean and shiny, but they now wear their dirt and dings as a badge of honor for the hours of community impact they have created. As I think about painting all those tools, setting up the racking, and staring those first phone calls/meetings there was one thing I learned. The concept of lending tools at this scale was foreign, the reality was we needed to influence a culture where organizations and funders saw value in borrowing their tools rather than utilizing the traditional “capital intensive” model of owning and storing their tools. Additionally, educating the public as to the sheer volume of inventory from simple garden tools to massive power tools; “yep we got that” was becoming an all too common response from me when asked.

What is even more amazing all these years later are the relationships we have created in our community. Our donors, volunteers and member organizations are truly part of the ToolBank family and we wouldn’t be where we are today without you. From those organizations who saw the vision from the very beginning to those of you who have just learned about this amazing resource in the community, I thank you! Our blue tools have been in the hands of thousands of volunteers with each dirt mark and ding telling a different, compelling story of service in our community.

I sometimes have to laugh at how I stumbled into this tool gig, as I am not a tool lover by trade. I believed organizations in Arizona needed ToolBank’s resources and with over 215 registered members (and growing each week) we have been validated. It brings me great excitement when I see a picture of our tools in the hands of volunteers, building a playground on Facebook. The glow and feelings of satisfaction in our members faces’ as they return our blue tools after a successful community event is what drives me day in and day out to grow and strengthen your community tool lending program.

As we enter 2020 and beyond we know we have several important events on the horizon. Finding a new home central to the valley, while continuing to service your needs and the needs of the community is my top priority. I remain laser focused on always ensuring organizations and our community volunteers have access to our enormous inventory of tools as we transition locations. And don’t forget to be on the lookout for our Grand Re-Opening invite! It will be one warehouse party you won’t want to miss.

A shovel full of thank you’s!

Jana Smith
Executive Director
2019 IMPACT
TOOL ORDERS

241

11,509

VOLUNTEERS EQUIPPED

75

NUMBER OF AGENCIES SERVED IN 2019

$615,118

SAVINGS TO OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS

855

NUMBER OF PROJECTS

35% increase in tool orders from 2018
742 TOOL ORDERS

65,688 VOLUNTEERS EQUIPPED

215 NUMBER OF AGENCIES SERVED IN 2019

$2,311,700 SAVINGS TO OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS

2,669 NUMBER OF PROJECTS
The Phoenix Community Toolbank is critical to Valley of the Sun United Way’s volunteer engagement program. With their partnership over the last three year we have been able to scale our community impact by taking on projects we otherwise would not have been able to.

– Francisco Avalos

Director of Engagement | Valley of the Sun United Way
Utilizing the local ToolBank made our playground build much easier (and saved the city money which is always a win in my book). They had all the tools we needed in assisting the city to create a safe and inviting oasis for our youth to enjoy.

– Mark Mitchell
Mayor City of Tempe

CITY OF TEMPE PARKS & RECREATION
KaBOOM! Playground build

A little rain and cold weather did not stop our favorite hockey team from building a magical playground for the youth of Tempe along with their pals from Carvana (thankful with all that time on the ice they are accustom to the cold, even in Arizona). In partnership with the City of Tempe, our Arizona Coyotes got busy with blue tools and constructed an entire playground for the local youth in one day! Located between the Boys & Girls Club and a local Tempe park we know these slides are going to get a lot of use thanks to Tools For Change in Action.

MISSION MOMENT

$6,229
Total Retail value of tools borrowed

150
Volunteers Equipped
FUNDRAISING EVENTS

AXES AND ACES POKER TOURNAMENT
TBD

All skill levels are welcome as our community nonprofits are the real winners! Ticket includes entry into the tournament, food, adult beverages and loads of laughs and fun with friends of Phoenix ToolBank. Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. This event helps support #ToolsForChange and helping us build playgrounds, rehab veteran’s homes and more in 2020.

BOWLING FOR CHANGE
July 23, 2020

Bowling for Change invites corporations to join us in supporting high impact change in our communities by equipping nonprofits with tools during a fun evening of bowling. Corporate teams bowl for our local nonprofit with awards given for top bowlers along with categories like most team spirit.

HAMMER AND ALES
November 5, 2020

Our signature event, features live music, cornhole tournament, additional games/entertainment, silent auction, delicious food and of course great craft beer in support of tools for change! Join us for a night of blue tools, tunes and celebration at our warehouse!
We saved United Way $89,167.28 by borrowing tools to complete 121 projects in 2019.
DONATE TIME

Your volunteer support enables the ToolBank to serve hundreds of not-for-profits agencies every year. There are many ways you can volunteer at the ToolBank and we gladly welcome individuals and groups.

- Tool repair & maintenance
- Tool lending program support
- Inventory management/warehouse
- Office/administrative duties
- Special events/fundraisers
- Outreach/marketing

DONATE TOOLS

Your donation of tools is critical to the success of our tool lending program. We gladly accept donations of new and gently used tools, tool accessories, repair/maintenance supplies, consumable project supplies, and other items that can be used in our warehouse or office.
DONATE FUNDS

Your dollars allow us to maintain our critical inventory of tools and support the operations necessary to get tools into the hands of volunteers to impact mission-related efforts of nonprofits, schools, neighborhood associations, religious organizations, and other charitable causes.

The Phoenix Community ToolBank is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent of the law. Click ‘Donate Now’ to make a secure online donation.

INDIVIDUAL DONOR CIRCLES
Blue Crew  $10 – $50/mo
Impact      $900 or $75/mo
Premier     $4,500 or $375/mo
Legacy      $7,500/year for 3 years

CORPORATE PARTNER CIRCLES
Sustaining  $2,500
Impact      $5,000
Premier     $20,000
Legacy      $25,000/year for 3 years

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

A one-day (4-hour) build event for your team

Planning the team building event at your company but looking for a way to give back too? Your team, guided by the staff at ToolBank will build items such as picnic tables, shelves, little library’s and more in small teams that will be donated to a local charity of your choosing. Let ToolBank plan and execute your next team building training.

To make a donation on-line visit our donation page at phoenixtoolbank.org/donate or checks can be mailed directly to our warehouse.
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