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Dear Valued Supporters,

As 2024 has come to a close, we look back on an extraordinary year at the Cincinnati ToolBank, and we couldn't have done it without YOU—our incredible volunteers, members, and donors.

This year, we didn't just lend tools; we built opportunities. We launched new initiatives like our Training Center, partnering with the Cincinnati Construction Academy, Cincinnati Youth Collaborative, Urban League of Greater Cincinnati, and Do It Yourself Darlin. Together, we supported workforce development for over 74 young adults and introduced 21 teens to careers in the trades during our first summer camp. Not to mention, we've hosted workshops that taught tiling, carpentry, and home stabilization—all skills that are transforming lives.

And, of course, who could forget our 10th Annual Hammers & Ales? The community came together to celebrate, sip some "Nailed It" beer, and support the ToolBank, proving once again that tools and brews really are the perfect pair.

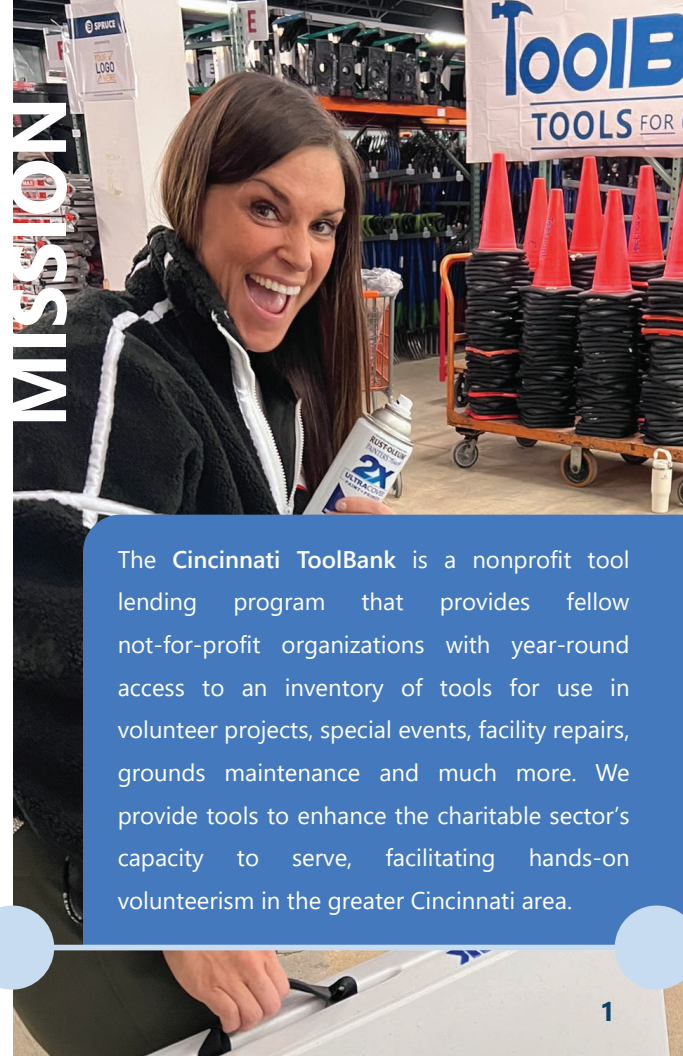
From neighborhood cleanups to award nominations, you've been there, helping us turn good ideas into great impact. Whether you lent your time, your tools, or your treasure, every contribution has made a difference. Together, we're proving that with the right tools—and a lot of heart—anything is possible.

So, here's to you: the tool that keeps the ToolBank running. Thank you for being a part of this journey. We can't wait to see what we'll accomplish together in 2025 (spoiler alert: it's going to be amazing).

With gratitude, humor, and a whole lot of appreciation,

*Kat Pepmeyer*

Kat Pepmeyer | Executive Director



The Cincinnati ToolBank is a nonprofit tool lending program that provides fellow not-for-profit organizations with year-round access to an inventory of tools for use in volunteer projects, special events, facility repairs, grounds maintenance and much more. We provide tools to enhance the charitable sector's capacity to serve, facilitating hands-on volunteerism in the greater Cincinnati area.

# Impact NUMBERS



**\$1,499,793**

VALUE OF BORROWED TOOLS



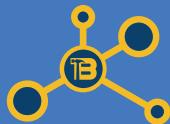
**25,465**

VOLUNTEERS EQUIPPED



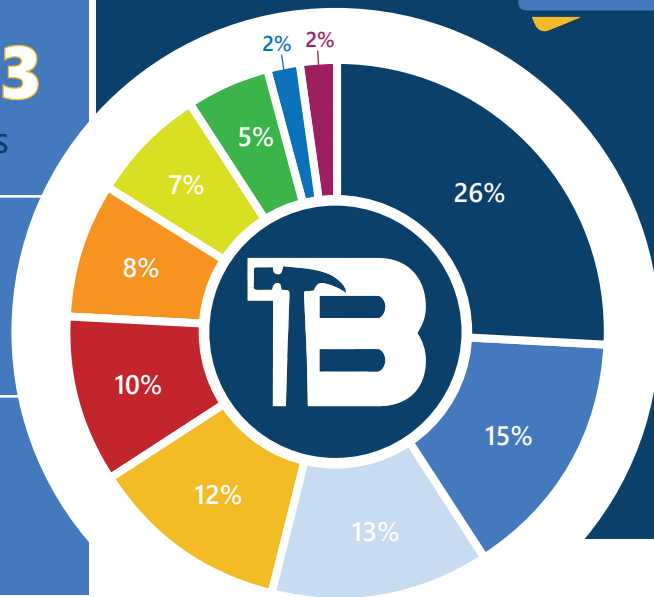
**5,043**

PROJECTS EQUIPPED



**212**

MEMBER AGENCIES SERVED



## Member Agency BREAKDOWN

- COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION
- YOUTH & CHILDREN
- EDUCATION
- FAITH-BASED
- ENVIRONMENTAL & GREENSPACE
- PUBLIC & SOCIETAL BENEFIT
- HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS
- ARTS, CULTURE, & HUMANITIES
- HEALTH
- HUMAN SERVICES



## 2024 REVENUE STREAMS

FOUNDATIONS:	\$282,750
SPECIAL EVENTS:	\$110,894
PROGRAM INCOME:	\$108,618
CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$46,932
FACILITY RENTAL:	\$41,378
INDIVIDUAL GIVING:	\$26,450
MISCELLANEOUS:	\$7,189

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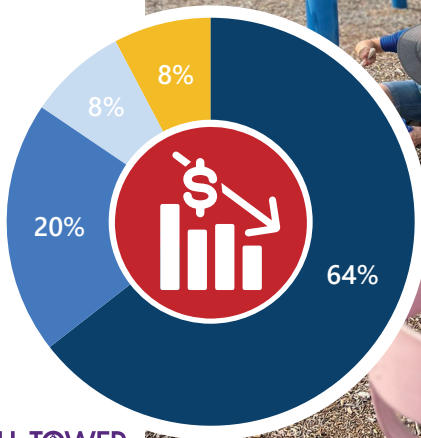
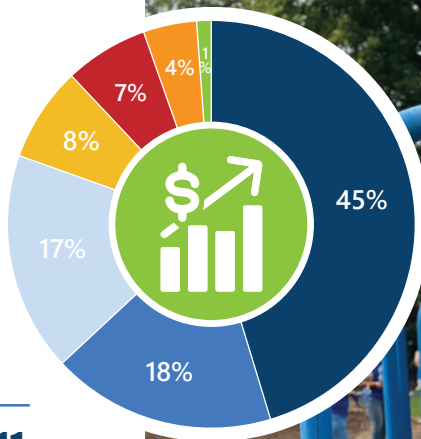
**TOTAL:** **\$624,211**

## 2024 EXPENSES

DIRECT PROGRAM:	\$352,237
ADMINISTRATION:	\$109,273
SPECIAL EVENTS:	\$42,637
FUNDRAISING:	\$42,217

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**TOTAL:** **\$546,364**





# *Agency* **IMPACT**





## ARTWORKS CINCINNATI:

In 2024, ArtWorks Cincinnati made significant strides in enriching the city's artistic landscape by hosting multiple mural dedications. With the support of the Cincinnati ToolBank, ArtWorks utilized a wide array of tools and equipment including tables, chairs, and AV equipment, amounting to \$8,500 in tool usage. This partnership allowed them to save over \$7,000, ensuring more resources were directed toward fostering creativity and community engagement.



## COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:

April 2024 saw Habitat for Humanity's impactful Rock the Block event in Covington, where over 250 volunteers came together to focus on a range of home repair and beautification projects, including painting, landscaping, and minor repairs for qualifying homeowners. With access to \$56,000 worth of ToolBank tools, this initiative played a vital role in Habitat's mission to create and preserve affordable homeownership. The event stands as a testament to the power of community and collaboration.

**CINCINNATI PARKS FOUNDATION:**

The Cincinnati Parks Foundation led the annual Let's Grow Local initiative, aiming to enhance the city's tree canopy. In 2024, this project culminated in the planting of over 200 trees in Avondale's Cleveland Park, making it the largest single-day tree planting event in Cincinnati's history. More than 200 volunteers were equipped with \$24,000 worth of ToolBank tools to make this milestone achievement possible, contributing to a greener, more sustainable future for the city.

**FOOD INSECURITY****CROSSROADS CHURCH:**

Crossroads Church's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, held in November 2024, utilized over \$10,000 worth of ToolBank tools and equipment. This event was instrumental in assisting thousands of under-resourced individuals facing food insecurity in the region. Through their collective efforts, an estimated 100,000 people were provided with meals during the holiday season, exemplifying the spirit of giving and community support.





## VETERANS

### THE HOME DEPOT FOUNDATION:

The Home Depot Foundation, in partnership with the Cincinnati ToolBank, supported the establishment of the new Joseph House Treatment and Recovery for Veterans in Camp Washington. Utilizing \$8,500 worth of ToolBank tools, Team Depot volunteers prepared 4,000 square feet of soil beds, planted 86 containers of trees, shrubs, and grasses, and contributed to a nurturing environment for veterans in recovery.



## YOUTH

### CINCINNATI REDS COMMUNITY FUND:

The Reds Community Fund spearheaded transformative projects in Bond Hill in 2024, bringing together key organizations to complete a variety of youth-centered initiatives. Leveraging \$55,000 worth of ToolBank tools, this year's Reds Community Makeover featured the creation of a new urban learning garden at Xavier Jesuit Academy (XJA), upgrades to a multi-purpose playground, mural installations, a comprehensive renovation of XJA's baseball field, and enhancements to the Bond Hill Food Pantry.

This year, an incredible group of volunteers dedicated their time and energy to supporting the ToolBank's mission.

#### TEAMS FROM:

- TEKsystems
- Rockdale Elementary
- UC Serves
- Bishop Brossart
- Madeira Schools
- 7 Hills Heart the City
- Catholic Heart Workcamp
- Ford Motor Company
- LaSalle
- Mariemont Schools
- UC-Share the Care Day
- MadTree
- General Electric



and many more rolled up their sleeves to help with essential projects in and around the ToolBank.

Whether organizing tools, improving our facility, or tackling special projects, these volunteers played a vital role in keeping our operations running smoothly and ensuring we can better serve the community. We are grateful for their hard work and dedication!

# OUR VOLUNTEERS





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# *Signature* EVENTS





This year's event was a great success with **over 100 golfers** gathering for our fourth annual Par-Tee for the ToolBank golf outing. In addition to having fantastic weather and a phenomenal pace of play, Par-Tee for the ToolBank was a huge success, **raising over \$30,000** to support the ToolBank and our mission to empower and build the capacity of our nonprofit partners. We would love to see you on the green this year on June 6th. For more information, use the QR code above.





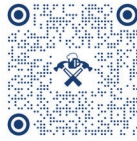
This year, over 75 volunteers gathered at Tikkun Farm for our Building on Our Community event. Together, they enhanced accessibility, constructed chicken coops and a run, built shelter for food distribution, and completed picnic tables for Bramble Nature Campus. These efforts strengthen Tikkun Farm's mission to restore people, community, and creation.







HAMMERS AND ALES



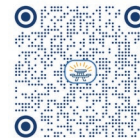
Celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Hammers & Ales brought the community together for a special night of craft beer, friendly competition, and giving back. Held at the Fowling Warehouse, the event featured an exciting fowling tournament alongside a unique beer collaboration—*"Nailed It!"*, a German wheat beer with banana and blueberry notes—brewed by Municipal Brew Works, MadTree, Narrow Path, Third Eye, Moerlein, and Brink to mark the milestone. The evening also honored Fibonacci Brewing as the recipient of the Brewers Philanthropy Award, recognizing their outstanding commitment to the community. All proceeds supported the ToolBank, ensuring tools and resources remain accessible for local nonprofits.





# Building Change

A Cincinnati ToolBank Program



## **BUILDING CHANGE: MAKING AN IMPACT TOGETHER EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF GIVING BACK**

At the ToolBank, we believe that real change happens when communities come together to build a better future. Our Building Change program is a unique volunteer experience that empowers groups to construct essential community assets like picnic tables, raised beds, and compost bins—transforming public spaces and strengthening local nonprofits.

### **WHY BUILDING CHANGE MATTERS:**

- Directly benefits nonprofits, schools, and community organizations
- Strengthens teamwork, collaboration, and leadership skills
- Provides a hands-on way to support impactful community initiatives
- Makes a lasting difference for thousands of families across Cincinnati

## **GET INVOLVED & MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Your organization can join the movement by hosting a Building Change event. Whether you're looking for a meaningful team-building opportunity or seeking ways to deepen your engagement with our mission, this is the perfect way to give back while growing together.

### **READY TO BUILD CHANGE?**

Contact us today to schedule a customized volunteer experience for your team!







## HOST YOUR NEXT EVENT AT THE TOOLBANK!

Looking for a unique and affordable space for your next meeting, training, or community gathering? The Cincinnati ToolBANK's newly renovated **Training & Community Space** offers a variety of rental options to fit your needs, including our **Tool Training Center, Community Space, Co-Working Area, Conference Room, and Kitchen**—all available for rent!

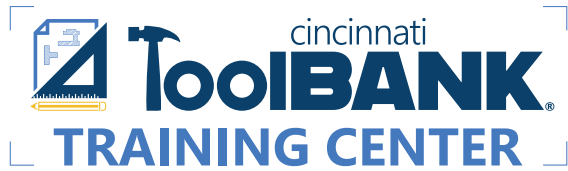
Over the past year, our facility has become a hub for **learning, collaboration, and connection**. Organizations have used our **Conference Room** for community council meetings, task force discussions, and strategic planning sessions, while our **Community Space** has hosted volunteer appreciation dinners, summer camps, holiday celebrations, and more.

By renting our space, you're not just securing a venue—you're supporting a mission. Every rental helps us empower nonprofits, educators, and community groups in their efforts to build a stronger, more connected Cincinnati.



Interested in learning more? **Scan the QR code to submit a rental inquiry today!**





In 2024, the ToolBank Training Center hosted hands-on programs with four community partners, equipping over 160 individuals—most from low-income backgrounds—with practical skills in construction, manufacturing, and home repair.

- **Cincinnati Construction Academy:** 5 cohorts, 50 participants (40+ low-income), trained 5 days/week in construction trades.
- **Urban League (Building Futures):** 2 cohorts, 36 participants (28 low-income), in construction readiness training.
- **Cincinnati Youth Collaborative:** 2 cohorts, 8 participants (all low-income), in manufacturing boot camps.
- **Do it Yourself Darlin:** 7 workshops, 67 participants (38 using pay-what-you-can), focused on DIY skills and home maintenance.

These partnerships advance workforce development and self-sufficiency across Greater Cincinnati.







## Summer Youth - Manufacturing Exploration:



In summer 2024, the ToolBank launched its first Summer Youth Series, a five-week career exploration camp for rising 6th–9th graders.

Created in response to community feedback, the camp filled a gap in accessible, affordable career programming for middle school students.

Led by the ToolBank and Impact Agape, 20 students explored careers in trades, manufacturing, IT, and the arts through hands-on projects, STEM activities, and field trips. With support from partners like Allied Construction Industries (ACI), Senco, TechSolve, and COSI, students worked with professionals and created take-home projects like race cars, cranes, and nail art.

Strong volunteer and partner engagement made the 2024 pilot a success and set the stage for future growth.



The Training Center's initiatives empower individuals through skill-building, fostering economic mobility and community development. Scan the QR code to learn more about our Training Center.

# ANNUAL MEMBER AGENCY SAVINGS

## Over \$50,000

Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity  
Crossroads  
Reds Community Fund

## \$25,000 - \$49,999

7 Hills Church  
Cincinnati Park Board  
Cincinnati Parks Foundation  
City of Madeira  
Allied Construction Industries  
Keep Cincinnati Beautiful

## \$20,000 - \$24,999

Archbishop Moeller High School  
Civic Garden Center  
Price Hill Will  
The Arlington Memorial Gardens  
Village of Lincoln Heights

## \$10,000 - \$19,999

BLOC Ministries  
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati  
BROTHAS Inc. - Youth Initiative  
Building Blocks for Kids  
Center for Great Neighborhoods  
Cincinnati College Preparatory Academy

Findlay Market  
Evanston Community Council  
Give Back Cincinnati  
Greater Cincinnati Earth Coalition  
iSPACE  
Montgomery Community Church  
Mt. Lookout Community Council  
New Prospect Baptist Church  
Peace Baptist Church  
People Working Cooperatively  
The Dragonfly Foundation  
The Home Depot Foundation  
We Shall Overcome Foundation  
Working in Neighborhoods

## \$5,000 - \$9,999

Adventure Crew  
ArtWorks  
Autism Connections  
Back2Back Cincinnati  
Bellarmine Chapel  
Bond Hill Community Council  
Brewery District CURC  
ChangingGears  
Christ the King Lutheran Church  
Cincinnati Health Network  
Cincinnati Public Schools Facilities

Community Matters  
Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America  
Easley Blessed Foundation  
Excel Development  
Greater Bethlehem Temple Apostolic Church  
Greater Project  
Green Umbrella  
Groundwork Ohio River Valley  
Hands That Heal Homeless Organization  
High Achievers Aim High  
Hyde Park School PTO  
Judge Dinkins Educational Center  
Kentucky Refugee Ministries  
Kindervelt  
Life Forward, Pregnancy Care of Cincinnati  
Lockland Local School District  
Lydia's House  
May We Help  
Mortar Cincinnati  
Newport History Museum  
Northside Community Council - Keep Northside  
Beautiful  
Over-the-Rhine Community Housing  
Peach Tree Advocacy  
Pleasant Ridge School Foundation  
Professional Artistic Research Projects  
RefugeeConnect

Roselawn Community Council  
 SonLight Power  
 Spencer Center for Gifted and Exceptional  
 Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank  
 The Carnegie  
 The Cincinnati International Wine Festival  
 The Community Builders  
 The Mayerson JCC  
 Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio  
 Valley View Nature Preserve  
 Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation

#### **\$1,000 - \$4,999**

#PickettProject  
 Anthony Muñoz Foundation  
 Art Equals  
 Avondale Development Corporation  
 Back the Blue Rumble  
 Bethesda Foundation  
 Black Art Speaks  
 Black Girl Strategies: Woman-ish Project  
 Branches Church  
 Building Hope in the City-Cincinnati  
 Camp Washington Community Board - CWURC  
 Cardinal Land Conservancy  
 Children Of Incarcerated Parents Initiative  
 Children's Tumor Foundation - Cincinnati NF  
 Walk  
 Christian Life Center

Cincinnati Off-Road Alliance  
 Cincinnati Public Schools - Families and  
 Community Engagement Department  
 Cincinnati Recycling and Reuse Hub  
 Cincinnati Urban Promise  
 Cincinnati Young Black Professionals  
 Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden  
 College Hill Community Urban Redevelopment  
 Corporation  
 Compassionate Justice  
 Cradle Cincinnati  
 CUF Neighborhood Association  
 East Row Historic Foundation  
 Easterseals Redwood  
 Evanston Bulldogs Youth Association  
 Found House Interfaith Housing Network  
 Friends of Harriet Beecher Stowe House  
 Gamble Montessori  
 GME Foundation  
 Gorman Heritage Farm  
 Heroes R Forever  
 Hispanic Chamber Cincinnati Foundation  
 House of Hope Fellowship Church  
 House of Glory Community Church  
 Imago  
 Impact Agape CDC  
 ish Festival  
 Jr. Melanin  
 Lebanon Pride

Light of the World Church  
 Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly  
 Love in Action Community Development  
 Made For A Purpose  
 Making A Change Cincy  
 Miami University Service+  
 Miami Valley Christian Academy  
 Milestones  
 Mill Creek Alliance  
 Mount Carmel Baptist Church  
 Move Beyond Surviving  
 Mt Airy CURE  
 No Excuses College Tours and Programs  
 North Avondale Neighborhood Association  
 Northern Hills Synagogue  
 Northern Row Park  
 Northside Business Association  
 Ohio River Foundation  
 Peoples Church  
 Project Yoga  
 Queen City Foundation  
 Reading Community City School District  
 Revive City/Baptist Church  
 Serving Older Adults Through Changing Times  
 St. William Church/ PTO  
 Team Rubicon - Cincinnati  
 Tender Mercies  
 The Port Authority  
 The Serenelli Project

# ANNUAL MEMBER AGENCY SAVINGS (continued)

Tiger Lily Press  
Tikkun Farm  
Toward Independence  
Tried & True Parenting, Inc.  
Tri-State Trails  
Trojan Way Learning Center  
University of Cincinnati Center for Community Engagement  
Village of Woodlawn Parks & Recreation  
Vulcan's Forge Performing Arts Collaborative  
Walnut Hills HS Parent Association  
Wasson Way  
Williams Avenue Elementary PTA  
Wyoming Fine Arts Center  
YMCA of Greater Cincinnati  
Your Store of the Queen City

## \$0 - \$999

BasketShop  
Bellevue Education Foundation  
Butler Soil & Water Conservation District  
Caracole  
Cincinnati Music Accelerator  
City of Fort Thomas  
Clifton Cultural Arts Center  
College Hill Gardeners  
Commonwealth Artists Student Theatre

Duke Energy Foundation  
East Westwood Improvement Association  
Fairview-Clifton German Language School  
First Step Home  
FotoFocus  
Friars Club  
Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)  
Kennedy Heights Arts Center  
LADD  
Ladies of Leadership-Ohio  
Lighthouse Youth & Family Services  
Loveland High School  
Mt Auburn Community Council  
Mt. Washington Community Council  
Mt. Auburn Garden Initiative Corporation  
North Avondale Montessori  
North Fairmount Community Council  
Nrityaarapana School of Indian Classical Dance  
Ohio Lesbian Archives  
OneSource Center for Nonprofit Excellence  
Paddock Hills Assembly  
Pendleton Neighborhood Council  
Queen City Korfbal  
Queer Birders of Cincinnati  
Riverview East Academy

Royalmont Academy  
SALT Ministries  
Sidestreams Foundation  
Society of the Transfiguration  
Stewart Elementary Little Vikes Garden  
The Deep Hidden Meaning Community Development  
The Ohio State University  
Their Voice of Greater Cincinnati  
TransformCincy



## IN 2024...

**ToolBank's member agencies saved over \$1.4 million dollars by borrowing tools** instead of purchasing them. This saved them the additional hassle of cleaning, maintaining, or storing equipment when not in use. As a result, the agencies were able to allocate the funds saved toward their mission-critical objectives.



**KAT PEPMEYER**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**FAVORITE TOOL:**  
**OSCILLATING MULTI-TOOL**

Since 2012, Kat has been at the helm of the Cincinnati ToolBank, transforming it from a scrappy startup into a powerhouse resource for nonprofits across the region. She led the organization through a major warehouse relocation, navigated the challenges of the pandemic, spearheaded an impressive expansion, adding a tool training center and community space, and most recently helped secure the ToolBank's largest gift to date—the Neighborhood Builders grant from Bank of America. Passionate about equipping communities with the tools they need to build and thrive, Kat's leadership ensures that every hammer, drill, and wrench contributes to a lasting impact.

**TAYLOR BROWN**  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR



**FAVORITE TOOL:**  
**ELECTRIC EDGER**

Taylor began her career with the ToolBank as the Program and Operations Manager in 2021. After a year in the tool lending role, she transitioned to the Community Engagement Coordinator. This has allowed her to explore new realms of the non-profit world including relationship building, event planning, development, marketing, and more!

Taylor also loves spending time with her three sons, hiking, coaching softball, and going to baseball games. Her passion for baseball is fulfilled not only by cheering on the Reds, but also by working at the Reds Community Fund as a Program Instructor, Coach, and mentor.

**CONNOR HOLT**  
PROGRAM & OPERATIONS MANAGER



**FAVORITE TOOL:**  
**JIG SAW**

Connor volunteered with the Cincinnati ToolBank for a full year before officially joining the team in January 2023, after being drawn to the organization's mission. He has since served as the Program and Operations Manager for 2 years.

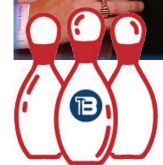
Connor was born and raised on the west side of Cincinnati and has a deep love of nature. During his free time, he enjoys being outside, traveling, attending festivals, hiking, and watching sports.

**SARAH CONNER**  
WAREHOUSE ASSISTANT



**FAVORITE TOOL:**  
**PRESSURE WASHER**

Sarah joined the ToolBank Team in late spring of last year. She has enjoyed learning about all of the amazing tools and equipment that the ToolBank has to offer and meeting all of our Member Agencies. Sarah lives in Northern Kentucky with her husband Eric and black cat Stormy. Outside of work, she loves traveling, going to concerts and Bengals games.



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**TooLBank**  
presents  
**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HAMMERS AND ALES**







PAR-TEE GOLF OUTING



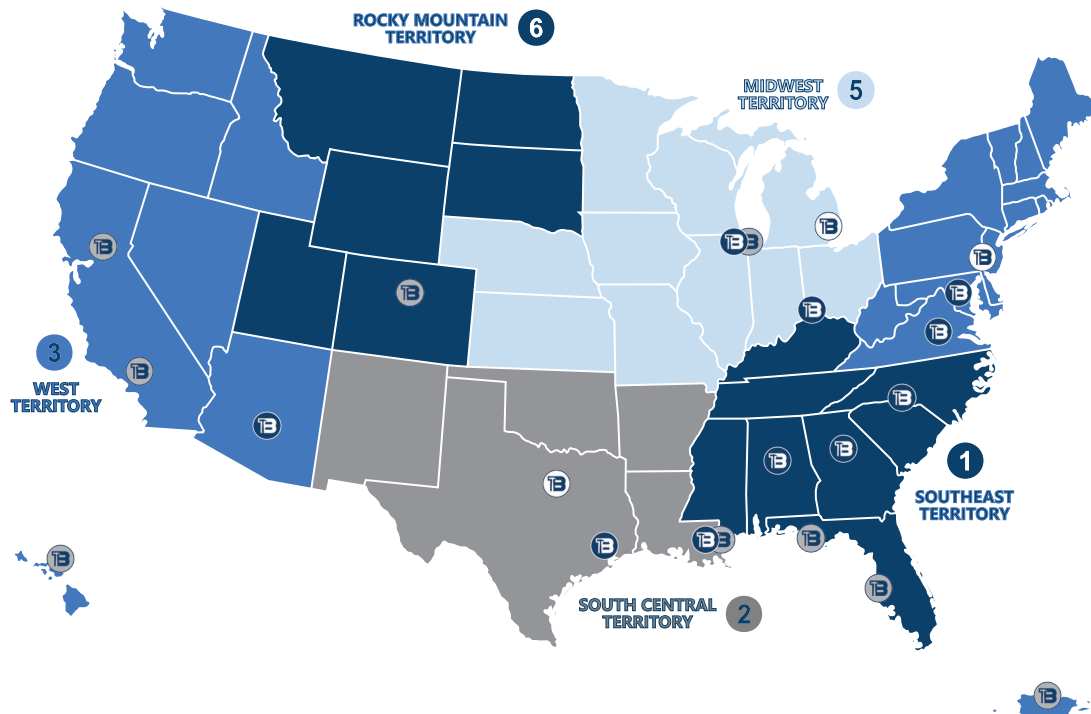


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# ToolBANK<sup>®</sup>

## NATIONAL NETWORK



### **TB COMMUNITY TOOLBANKS**

Atlanta  
Baltimore  
Charlotte  
Cincinnati  
Houston  
Magic City - Birmingham  
New Orleans  
Phoenix  
Richmond  
Windy City - Chicago

### **TB TOOLBANK DISASTER SERVICES LOCATIONS**

Chicago - TDS HUB  
Denver - TDS HUB  
Los Angeles - TDS HUB  
Maui  
New Orleans  
Panama City  
Puerto Rico  
Sacramento  
Tampa - TDS HUB

### **TB FUTURE TDS HUBS & LOCATIONS / COMMUNITY TOOLBANKS**

Dallas - TDS HUB  
Philadelphia - TDS HUB  
Detroit



# FEMA

The Federal Emergency Management Agency consists of ten regions in the continental United States and territories. ToolBank Disaster Services has consolidated some of those regions to form six HUB locations.

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