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Flash QA Supervisor Numbers numbers. If the Baltimore Community ToolBank were a publicly traded company, we'd be mailing our shareholders cigars right now. As we close the books on 2019, we track large percentage increases across our four core metrics to the tune of... see page ___. This letter is not about numbers. Or it is. Or... I'm not sure yet.

Importantly, we are not a publicly traded company. Rather, our stakeholders—the individuals inclined to read a letter like this—take part in our movement because we serve. Because all metrics and figures and numbers are anchored to someone who is more empowered in their work because we are here for them. Our numbers only matter in the context of how many more people we help every year.

Throughout this document, you will find a lot of numbers. They have their place. But every time you see one, think of it in terms of a story. Every order represents an organization that used our resources in their work across a diversity of impact areas—from veterans' service to food and housing security to environmental justice. An order for twenty tables doesn't mean anything as a raw count. But when you consider that those twenty tables helped feed 500 people at Thanksgiving, you begin to see why we talk in numbers so often.

Here are some deeper numbers for your consideration: We give partners tools for 3% of their value per week. So we save them 97% of their cost on projects, right? Well, not exactly. The fact is that most of our partners would shrink the scale of their projects if they had to buy tools outright. Our model makes new things possible. We do save partners money. But so much more: we empower projects that otherwise would never be undertaken in service to our community. The power of our service is so much more than I can pour into this letter, no matter how small a font I use.

So the ToolBank's good, right? We keep growing by 9 – 13% every year. Who could ask for more?

We can. You can. There is more work to be done in Baltimore and throughout the region to eliminate resource scarcity for our partners. In 2020, we will serve more communities, more organizations, more people. We will be still, we will listen, and we will enhance our inventory in response to partner demand. We will deepen our service through community networking and environmental education. We will add a third full-time staff member.

We won't do it alone. You are already part of this. Reading this very sentence makes you complicit in strengthening our shared community. Whether as a volunteer, friend, donor in any amount—you have a say in what your world looks like through the lens of the ToolBank. Stay with us and we can accomplish more and better things in 2020 and beyond. While we are not inclined to constantly look backwards, we do so in this document in order to inform our course forward.

So read on to see where we've been and where we are going next. And to learn some of the stories behind the numbers.

Noah Smock, Executive Director

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Borrowed Tool Value



Individuals Empowered



,434 Hand-held pruners 3,380 Paint trays

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5,337 Roller cages

1,694 Digging bars

305 2000W Generators

11,946 Round-head shovels

4,620 Hand trowels

2,558 Pick mattocks **Borrowed Tool Value** 4,963 Tool Orders Videmotify 298,672 Individuals Empowered
660 Member Agencies
1,046 Pitchforks 7,948 Iron bow rakes 7,944 Trash grabbers
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Blue Tools in Action

For a full week in June 2019, The Mission Continues engaged 84 veterans from across the country for Operation Charm City Charge in Baltimore. Partnering with hundreds of local volunteers over five active service days, the team completed 106 different projects across south and west Baltimore. Every volunteer had our blue tools at their disposal for a range of projects—from clearing vacant lots to painting playgrounds to park improvement and greenspace restoration! Project sites included Harlem Park West, Farring-Baybrook Park, Benjamin Franklin High School, Brooklyn Boys and Girls Club, and City of Refuge.

Over the week-long initiative, more than \$150,000 worth of tools and equipment were put to work, including 128 iron rakes, 57 pairs of loppers, 147 round-head shovels, 50 cordless drills and 12 circular saws. With support from local volunteers, a military spirit of efficiency and thousands of blue tools on hand, The Mission Continues created meaningful, visible and long-term impact across Baltimore.



Volunteering at the ToolBank

While the Baltimore Community ToolBank remains a small team, our volunteer numbers continue to grow in proportion to the needs of our community partners. In 2019, thousands of volunteers joined us to keep our inventory clean, sharp and ready to roll out the door. In fact, 1,519 people volunteered on site with us in 2019. This represents a 23% increase over an impressive number in 2018!

From board members to college students to business and education teams, our volunteer schedule was happily hectic in 2019. Without their help, we simply could not serve as many partners as we do. Volunteers are a key component of our service equation!



In January 2019, friends from Volunteering Untapped joined the ToolBank to help prepare our fleet of wheelbarrows for a busy spring.

Volunteers reconditioned all of our wheelbarrows to get them in prime shape for the approaching busy season. Thanks to their helping hands, we were ready to roll for our busiest season ever!



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Individual Volunteers Engaged Onsite

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Sustainablility at the ToolBank

The Baltimore Community ToolBank is committed to dynamic sustainable practices onsite at our facility in the Carroll-Camden Industrial neighborhood in Southwest Baltimore City. This is no afterthought. Rather, it is an active approach to conservation and mindfulness that embodies and reflects our philosophy of service.

In addition to the built-in sustainability of our tool lending program, we repurpose more than 1 million gallons of storm water runoff annually. Sizable rain gardens and a gray water containment system—the Stormwater Factory—help us re-route water to fuel native habitat. We are proud that we washed 2,734 tools in 2019 without turning a single faucet. We use last week's storm water for that!

For the third year in a row, we hosted partners from Volunteering Untapped and the Waterfront Partnership's Healthy Harbor Initiative for a Dumpster Dive event, where volunteers helped quantify amounts and types of trash found in a standard dumpster taken from a local trash wheel. Data gathered during these events helps scale metrics that inform legislative efforts to reduce trash and pollution in our region and state.

In February, we engaged local students from the South Baltimore Charter School in a thoughtful reuse project. 8th grade students visited the ToolBank to reclaim broken tools as parts for a flotation experiment. Their challenge was to apply scientific principles to materials and create a raft that would keep a student afloat in a small pool. While the buoyancy success rate was variable, each student benefitted from the upcycling lesson of reusing parts in a creative manner.

Every year provides us new and deeper opportunities to practice conservation and engage diverse audiences in lessons focused on managing resources in a sustainable manner. 2019 was a fun and powerful year that provided multiple avenues to do just that!



ToolBank Ambassadors





Every year, the Baltimore Community ToolBank's Ambassador program engages a small group of dynamic professionals with vital tasks to multiply our exposure across a diversity of audiences. From social media buzz to promotion of special events and unique media opportunities, Ambassadors represent the ToolBank in a fun, energetic manner. In 2019, four Ambassadors were selected and gave their time and talent to further our cause. From right to left, our Ambassadors this year were Alec Cronin, Morgan Somerville, Claire Barnes-Runquist and Abby Powell.



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