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Dear Friends,

2018 was a powerful year for the Baltimore Community ToolBank in service to our partners across a diversity of impact areas. As a regional resource, we fueled projects taking place with our blue tools in Baltimore City, Washington, D.C., throughout the state of Maryland and even in Pennsylvania and New York City!

As simple as it is to share tools, equipment and expertise, we know that when we do so we empower our partners to save time and money for their projects. Our service touches change-agents who work to combat some of the most entrenched issues facing our communities. Whether it's a drill in the hand of a volunteer helping build a new school playground or our tables and chairs being used for a community picnic, we are proud to support positive work of all shapes and sizes across a wide spectrum.

As we celebrated six years of service in 2018, we reached new heights. We fulfilled 898 orders for 278 partners and lent 2.25 million dollars' worth of value for less than 3% cost to partners. We engaged 1230 volunteers onsite to support our staff and partners. All of these were new records for us.

At our facility in Baltimore City, we embody the mindful ideal of sustainability through storm water management practices. We re-purposed more than 700,000 gallons of runoff from our roof in 2018 that would otherwise contribute to pollution in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Stored gray water is used to fuel native rain gardens and wash tools. We engage volunteer audiences from area businesses, colleges and universities in this work, creating environmental ambassadors who help spread our message of sustainability far and wide.

The non-profit and humanitarian sector is too often over-committed and under-resourced. That's precisely why the Baltimore ToolBank exists. We eliminate cost burdens to clean, sharp and ready tools, and we do so in a mindful, responsible manner. This document tracks our successes 2018, with an emphasis on our supporters and partners. If you're reading this, you are part of our success in service or you will be soon. Thank you!

Sincerely, Work Smock

Noah Smock, Executive Director

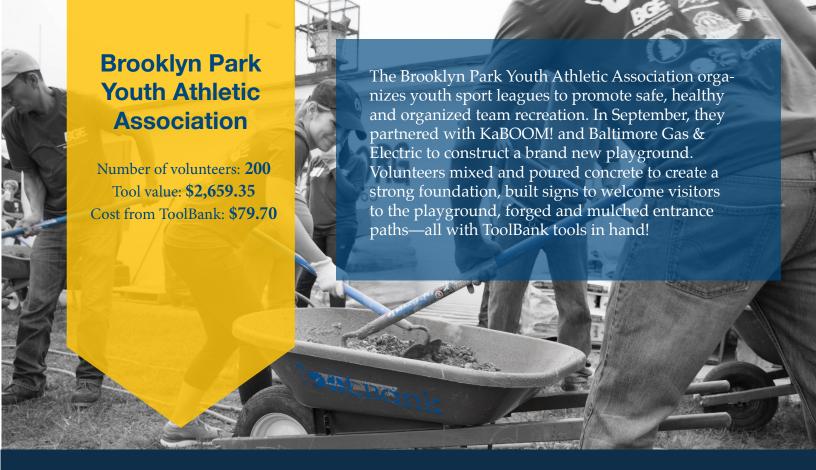




The Baltimore Community ToolBank serves community-based organizations by providing tools, equipment & expertise to empower their most ambitious goals.

Blue Tools in Action





ToolBank vision statement: To equip all communities with tools for change.

Volunteering at the ToolBank

Volunteers are at the core of the ToolBank's service. Our tools make it possible for more organizations to empower more volunteers for less cost. In addition to 63,062 volunteers empowered in the field in 2018, onsite volunteers powered the engine that is the ToolBank!

In fact, 1,230 unique volunteers walked through the door of the Baltimore Community ToolBank in 2018 to contribute their time and talent—a 20% increase over 2017! Without volunteers—from board members to individuals to one-time groups—we simply could not cover as much ground in service to hundreds of partners.

1230

Individual Volunteers Engaged Onsite



Sustainablility at the ToolBank

Sustainability at the Baltimore Community ToolBank is not an afterthought. It is an active, intentional approach that embodies and reflects our philosophy of service. Our core model of tool lending has a strong sustainable component. Consider the environmental benefits of reusing one tool over and over again—perhaps hundreds of times over its life—as opposed to partners purchasing new tools. Each tool has a manufacturing, transportation and packaging footprint that is spared when tools are reused.

In addition to the built-in sustainability of our core program, we repurpose hundreds of thousands of gallons of storm water runoff onsite at our facility in the Carroll-Camden Industrial Park in Southwest Baltimore City. In 2018, a year when record amounts of precipitation fell in our region, more than 700,000 gallons were repurposed on site. Gray water is used to wash our tools as well as fuel native gardens, which in turn provide bio-habitat for a range of native pollinators. Bees, birds, bats and butterflies thrive at the ToolBank. While we retain our industrial landscape, we've also built nature and sustainability into our site design.

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

In November, we had the pleasure of partnering with Trash Free Maryland and the November Project for the first ever Trash Dash. Volunteers who regularly run with the November Project were armed with trash grabbers and buckets and ran around our Carroll-Camden neighborhood picking up litter that was then used for a trash art competition. Thanks to Trash Free Maryland's coordination, more than 40 bags of litter were responsibly removed in less than 2 hours!

From onsite storm water management features to special projects, sustainable practices are essential to our behavior and service delivery at the ToolBank!



1644 Number of Trash Grabbers Loaned in 2018

2765
Number of Tools Washed with
Rain Water

700,000+ Number of Gallons of Rain Water Re-Purposed

Number of Environmental
Events Hosted Onsite



The greatest honor and recognition we receive comes from the community organizations we serve. In addition to words of love and thanks from our partners, we occasionally enjoy other honors. We are proud to share that 2018 was a year of strong recognition for the Baltimore Community ToolBank.

In June, we were recognized with a citation from the Governor's Office. After receiving the honor at the Governor's cabinet meeting, we were privileged to host Maryland's Secretary of the Environment, Ben Grumbles, for a tour of our program and sustainable features.

In October, our partners at the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore honored us with a Downtown Baltimore award for community work.

With both pride and humility, we were happy to be recognized for our work to strengthen and celebrate our shared community.



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