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Over 52,000 Volunteers Empowered



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2017 By The Numbers

2017 was a year of landmarks for the Baltimore Community ToolBank. We celebrated 5 years in service to our shared community, presiding over impressive growth in our core tool lending program. We served more than 52,200 volunteers in the field with blue tools. We fulfilled 864 orders for 234 partners and lent 1.94 million dollars' worth of value for less than 3% cost to partners. We engaged 1,014 volunteers onsite to support our staff and partners.

Behind each number is a story. Our tools are implements of construction that allow our partners to achieve their most ambitious community goals across a diversity of impact areas. Our partners empower youth arts and education programs, combat homelessness, eliminate food and housing insecurity, protect our shared environment, foster adoptions for rescue animals, clean urban neighborhoods... the list goes on. While we do not stand in front of our partners to claim their work as ours, we know that we offer vital resources to support their work by eliminating cost barriers to tools.

Onsite, we embody the mindful ideal of sustainability through our stormwater management practices. Each year, we re-purpose an average of 600,000 gallons of runoff from our roof 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 Community 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 2017, with an emphasis on our supporters and partners. It has been a truly remarkable year in service to our shared community. Thank you for being part of our success!

234
Partners
Served

864
Orders
Filled

52,289
Volunteers
Empowered

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Every fall, the ToolBank hosts Hammers & Ales, a party that is equal parts a celebration of service and a fundraiser that nets us invaluable operating capital. Live music, raffles, auctions, games, great brews and incredible networking are staples of this signature annual event. In 2017, we enhanced the experience to include incredible dishes from local celebrity chefs. The coolest part? Each chef was challenged to create a dish using a tool! We were joined by winning chef **Beej Flamholz** as well as chefs from The Brewer's Art, Culinary Architecture, Eiji Ramen, Gertrude's, and The Outpost American Tavern. Special thanks to our guest judges: Scott T. Ryan with Baltimore Chef Shop, John Houser III with the Rouxde Cooking School Podcast and Rachel Paroan from the Fleet Street Write-up!

**All tools were brand new!*



Congratulations to 2017 Champion,
Beej Flamholz!



Hammers & Ales 2018
will be held on **Saturday, October 13!**
Buy your tickets here:
<http://hammersandales2018.eventbrite.com>

Sustainability

Sustainability at the Baltimore Community ToolBank is not an afterthought: It is an 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.

In addition to the built-in sustainability of our core program, we repurpose hundreds of thousands of gallons of stormwater runoff onsite at our facility in the Carroll-Camden Industrial Park in Southwest Baltimore City. In 2017, more than 600,000 gallons were repurposed on site. Gray water is used to wash our tools as well as fuel native gardens, which in turn provide biohabitat 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.

Additionally, for the fourth year, we partnered with volunteer groups from local schools and businesses to construct 10 floating wetlands at the ToolBank. Launched in April, these structures are currently floating in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, helping filter harmful toxins from our water system while creating additional habitat for marine and avian wildlife. Sustainable practices are essential to our behavior and service delivery at the ToolBank!



The ToolBank plays a vital role in our shared community. We exist to serve. Our growth and sustainability as an organization mean that more good work is being done to improve the lives of our friends and neighbors.

Our member agencies, sponsors, donors, and individual supporters rely on the ToolBank to manage our resources wisely so that we may continue to serve. We are proud that the ToolBank model is sustainable and thriving.

Compared to 2016, in 2017, we...
 * Empowered **35% more** volunteers
 * Fulfilled **10% more** orders
 * Served **8% more** partners

We look forward to doing *even more* in 2018!

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ToolBank Ambassadors are a diverse group of students, professionals and community leaders who support the ToolBank's mission to support community-based partners in their work to strengthen and celebrate our shared community. Ambassadors receive special invitations to events, the opportunity to network with business and community leaders, volunteer for special projects and are committed to making a tangible contribution to the ToolBank's mission and to Baltimore.

To learn more visit <http://baltimoretoolbank.org/about/ambassadors-program>.

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