

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018



TOOLS  
FOR  
CHANGE

HOUSTON COMMUNITY TOOLBANK



## LETTER FROM **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*Erika Hornsey*

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for making 2018 yet another remarkable year for the Houston Community ToolBank! I am proud to share that the hard work of our dedicated board, staff and volunteers has made the Houston ToolBank the busiest and most impactful in the country.

We have once again been able to grow our tool lending program: over 65,000 volunteers equipped for 4500 plus projects across our region. In June, we equipped 30,000 Lutheran youth who came to Houston to perform over 100,000 hours of community service. Hurricane Harvey lending continues to make up more than half of our lending; in 2018, we lent out over \$3.5 million of free tools for 1700+ recovery projects. And, we ended the year on a truly high note: with over 1000 tool orders, a first in ToolBank history.

Our goal continues to be more blue tools in the hands of volunteers supporting projects that positively impact our city. We will keep our overhead low while increasing our impact and empowering our member agencies. At the end of each day, the ToolBank owes our success to the community we serve. Houstonians have stepped up as volunteers, staff, board members and donors. We are so fortunate to be a part of such a community-focused city.

Thank you for being a part of the ToolBank movement. We are looking forward to much more in 2019!

Sincerely,



Erika Hornsey  
Executive Director



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## OUR MISSION

### TOOLS FOR HOPE

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Houston Community ToolBank is a nonprofit tool lending program that empowers fellow nonprofits to tackle community-based projects throughout our city. We have 22,000 plus items and 250 tool types in our warehouse. Toolbank borrowers are not only traditional nonprofits, but also schools, faith-based organizations, neighborhood associations and many others. Access to ToolBank inventory relieves the burden of purchasing, storing, maintaining and repairing the items essential to projects and events. In a sector that consistently faces constraints of time, personnel and budget, our tools allow organizations to achieve their varying, passionate visions for a thriving community.



# TOOLBANK 2018

BY THE NUMBERS



**\$5.1 million** in lent tool value

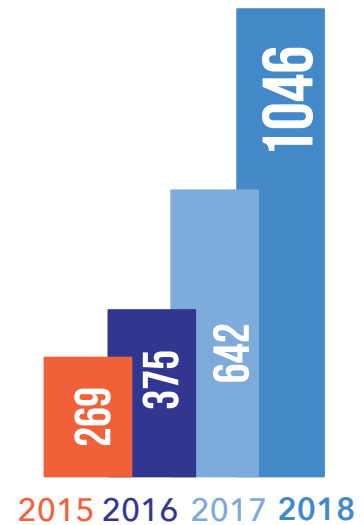


**65,000+** volunteers equipped

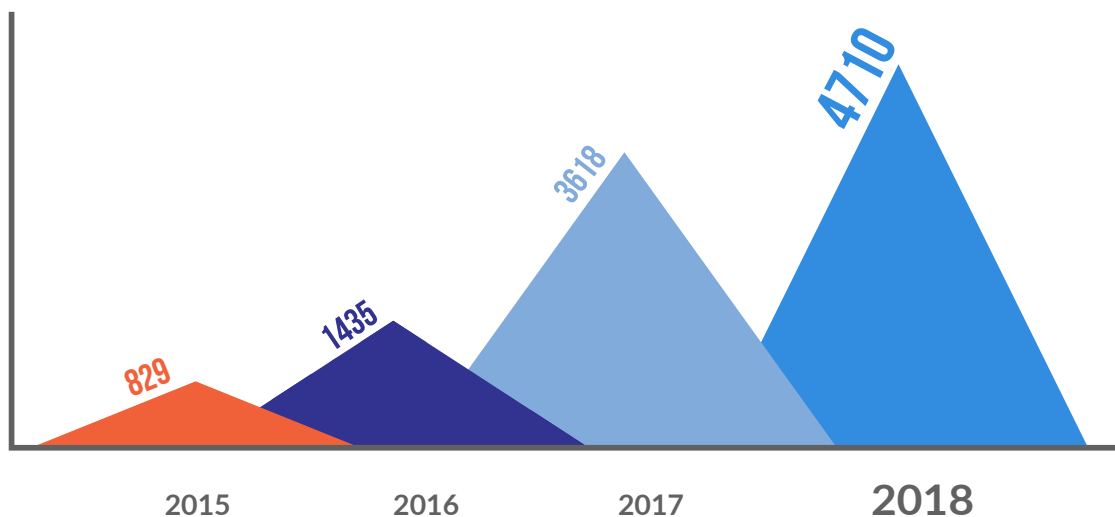


**79,000+** tools lent

## Tool Orders

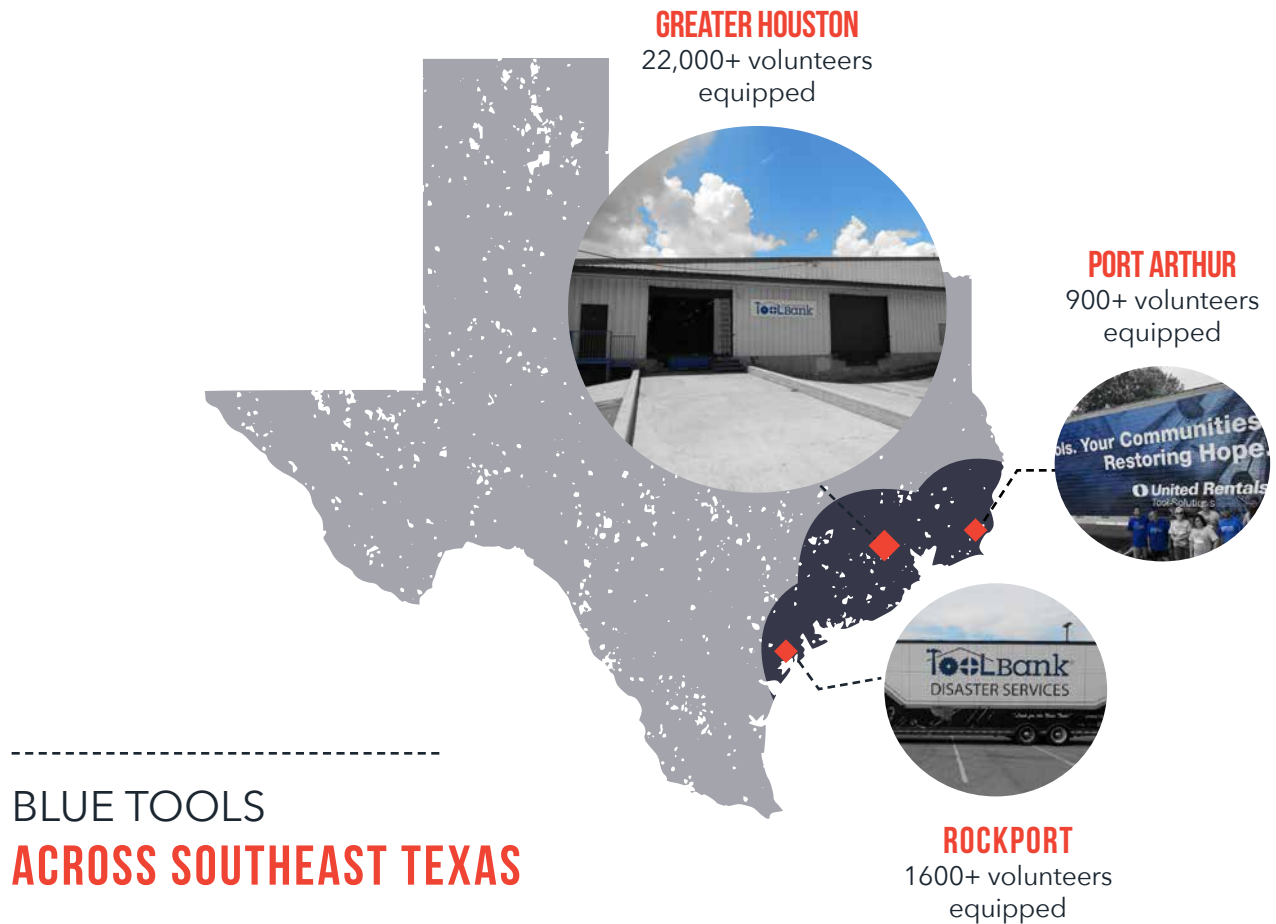


## Projects Served by Blue Tools



## UPDATE ON THE HURRICANE HARVEY RECOVERY

Over a year after Hurricane Harvey, many Texans are still recovering. At the Houston Community ToolBank, the majority of our lending continues to be for Harvey relief. With the generous support of the Rebuild Texas Fund, the American Red Cross, the Center for Disaster Philanthropy and other supporters the Houston Community ToolBank has grown tool lending to meet the unique needs of a recovering community. In 2018, blue tools equipped 48 organizations with over \$3.5 million in borrowed tool value. Working in conjunction with ToolBank Disaster Services, blue tools from Houston are empowering organizations not only in our metropolitan area but across southeast Texas.



## SUPPORTING AFTER HOURS



In 2018, with the generous support of the Rebuild Texas Fund, Houston Community ToolBank opened an After Hours facility. The off-the-grid, modified shipping container has smart locks that allow organizations to borrow and return items during evenings and weekends.



**\$3.5 million** in lent tool value



**24,000+** recovery volunteers equipped



**1,700+** Harvey Recovery Projects

After Harvey, it became apparent that many of our member organizations needed a way to transport and store their tools. As part of our Rebuild Texas Fund expanded access grant, Houston Community ToolBank now has a trailer fleet of six, with a variety of sizes and types to suit the needs of any project, large or small. All trailers are available to borrow free of charge.



## ADDING TRAILERS





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# PLAYGROUNDS FOR RECOVERING COMMUNITIES

## WITH KABOOM AND REBUILD TEXAS FUND

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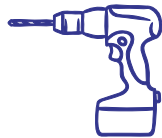
After Hurricane Harvey, many communities were devastated in numerous ways beyond the loss of homes. Public spaces were also affected by the storm and flooding, with playgrounds were left damaged, or even dangerous. With the support of the Rebuild Texas Fund and the ToolBank, national nonprofit KaBOOM! has been able to begin to repair some of the playground and restore play across east Texas.

KaBOOM! partners with communities all over the country to help build new playgrounds, with 140 new play spaces built in 2018. A typical KaBOOM! build sees around 200 volunteers working to build a new playground in a single day. In volunteer heavy, time-limited projects like KaBOOM! playground builds, blue tools are especially valuable.

Bryan McNamara, Senior Project Manager at KaBOOM!, said that blue tools have been key to the success of the Rebuild Texas Project.

"We rely heavily on the ToolBank to get us all the tools we need to make our projects a success. We always have the volunteers but they can't do much without tools," McNamara explained. "Gathering a large quantity of tools for a volunteer event is often difficult for a community, so we are grateful for the partnership with the ToolBank which eases this responsibility."

As a fellow recipient of support from the Rebuild Texas Fund, Houston Community ToolBank is proud to support the rebuilding of play spaces in Texas. KaBOOM! has built 10 playgrounds in communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey, with many more planned for the coming year.



**\$199,000** in tools for KaBOOM



**2,700+** volunteers equipped





## OUR SUPPORTERS

### TOOLS FOR HOPE

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With our supporters, the Houston Community ToolBank was able to have our biggest year yet. We are incredibly grateful to each foundation, company and individual who gave to support tools for hope in 2018.

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The Home Depot Foundation  
Insperity  
KaBOOM!  
Mattress Mack  
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2018 HCTB Advisory Board



## LETTER FROM INCOMING BOARD PRESIDENT

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Dear Supporter,

I am excited and proud to share that 2018 was a huge success under the leadership of Executive Director Erika Hornsey and outgoing Board President Adam Dimmick. The Houston Toolbank leadership team clearly exceeded expectations set by Erika and the Board. Without doubt, a year of amazing growth:

- Added over 120 new member agencies, from faith based groups to Boy Scout Troops to civic clubs to recovery organizations
- Supported over \$3.5 million in lending to help Harvey Victims
- Filled 1046 tool orders
- Doubled our team size
- Expanded our lending hours by installing four After Hours pick up containers.

Houston is a big and thriving Texas city, full of people with big hearts who are always willing to help their neighbors in need. In 2019, our mission remains constant:

To provide all the tools needed – from hammers and saws to tables and shade tents to generators and pressure washers – to equip our fellow Houstonians to make a positive impact in their communities!

In 2019, we have some big boots to fill. With our April 4th fundraiser Hammers & Ales, a passionate and dedicated staff, a willing and active Board, and so many new tools, I am confident we will accomplish and exceed our goals and objectives. I am honored and thrilled to be a part of this dynamic team.

Let's get this done!



John Crabb  
*Board President 2019*

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