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***The Home Depot Foundation and Team Rubicon team up to help the Cincinnati ToolBank***

Wednesday, June 21, the Cincinnati ToolBank will welcome over 30 volunteers from Team Depot, The Home Depot's associate volunteer force, and Team Rubicon (TR) to complete work on the ToolBank's new training center. Because of the generous grant from The Home Depot Foundation, the ToolBank will receive new appliances, kitchen and bathroom fixtures, blinds, and over 40 gallons of paint for the space. Team Depot and TR volunteers will paint and install the donated items bringing the renovation project one step closer to completion.

ToolBank's Executive Director, Kat Pepmeyer, explains, "When we purchased our facility in 2019, our vision was to launch a 1.3M capital campaign. During the COVID pandemic, we put the buildout project on hold and shifted our focus to help our local community with PPE distribution and equipment for pop-up testing sites. Following the pandemic, the need for a workforce development training center and a pipeline of skilled workers has really been the catalyst for this project getting off the ground in early 2023."

Through the support of ToolBank's partnerships with The Home Depot Foundation and other local contractors and construction companies, the second-floor buildout has become a reality despite the project being put on hold. The buildout of 10,000 square ft includes a dedicated training center, co-working space, conference room, meeting areas, offices, and a kitchenette. The project is estimated to be completed in the fall of 2023. ToolBank and its staff are eager to continue to engage the Cincinnati nonprofit community through their new space and tool lending program.

For more information about the Cincinnati ToolBank and how you can help advance their mission, visit [www.cincinnati-toolbank.org](http://www.cincinnati-toolbank.org).

**About the Cincinnati Community ToolBank**

The Cincinnati Community ToolBank provides tools, equipment, and expertise to charitable organizations to increase the impact of their mission-related efforts in the community. Volunteers use these tools to complete projects such as planting trees, repairing seniors' roofs, landscaping public spaces, and more. ToolBank's resources empower all nonprofit organizations to perform larger, more ambitious, and more frequent service projects in the community. Learn more at [www.cincinnati-toolbank.org](http://www.cincinnati-toolbank.org). ##

## About The Home Depot Foundation

[The Home Depot Foundation](#), the nonprofit arm of The Home Depot (NYSE: HD), works to improve the homes and lives of U.S. veterans, support communities impacted by natural disasters and train skilled tradespeople to fill the labor gap. Since 2011, the Foundation has invested more than \$475 million in veteran causes and improved more than 55,000 veteran homes and facilities. The Foundation has pledged to invest half of a billion dollars in veteran causes by 2025 and \$50 million in training the next generation of skilled tradespeople through the Path to Pro program. To learn more about The Home Depot Foundation visit [HomeDepotFoundation.org](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) @HomeDepotFound and on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) @HomeDepotFoundation.

## About Team Rubicon

Team Rubicon is a veteran-led humanitarian organization that serves global communities before, during, and after disasters and crises. Founded following the Haiti earthquake in 2010, the organization has grown to more than 150,000 volunteers across the United States and has launched over 1,100 operations domestically and internationally. To drive equity across disaster and humanitarian services, Team Rubicon focuses on three areas of impact: disaster services- from mitigation to immediate response to recovery; rebuild services maintaining the fabric of communities through resilient building methods; and international services- providing emergent and surge medical services, WASH, and disaster risk reduction. Visit [www.teamrubiconusa.org](#) for more information.

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