

**Building a better community requires the right tools.**

The Charlotte Community ToolBank provides organizations and volunteers with high-quality tools needed to take on more ambitious, more meaningful, and more frequent community development projects—including painting schools, building wheelchair ramps, and landscaping public areas. With the right tools for the job in great hands, it’s amazing what we can accomplish.

**We’ve constructed the foundation for a lasting impact in Charlotte.**

In 2013, the ToolBank achieved impressive growth, leading to our most impactful year of service to date. Thanks to the proper equipment and generous volunteers to operate it, the Charlotte of today is cleaner, better restored, and happier than yesterday.

**2013 Impact**



**2013 Project Results**



**5,488**  
trees planted



**24**  
new community and charitable gardens built



**53**  
schools improved, beautified, and repaired



**4**  
playgrounds built



**20**  
neighborhoods cleaned up and improved



**3**  
new homes built for low-income families and returning veterans



**47**  
miles of trails and greenways maintained



**12**  
transitional homes and emergency shelters improved and readied to serve new clients



**16**  
ramps built, enhancing the mobility of the elderly and disabled

## Look who's talking ToolBank.

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### Testimonials

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“Before ToolBank, we could not look to volunteers for certain projects because tool rental was out of the question. Since becoming a partner site we have realized considerable cost savings totaling in the thousands!

Now that we have the ToolBank, I can think bigger than before. Very exciting!”

**Beth Jones, CAVNC**

Director of Volunteer Services, *Alexander Youth Network*

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“Friendship Gardens teaches gardening and grows food that is donated to Friendship Trays, Charlotte's local Meals on Wheels program.

Without the Charlotte ToolBank, we would not be able to start new gardens as easily and we would have to turn away large volunteer work crews. The ToolBank allows us to fulfill our mission by giving us easy access to all the tools we could need. Thanks!”

**Henry Owen**

Program Director, *Friendship Farms and Gardens*

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“We wanted to thank you and let you know what a success our day was, due in large part to the fact that we were aptly ‘tooled.’ In the past, we have had people show up, but without tools, it made getting the work done pretty hard. Having these resources available made everything so much more efficient and we were able to clear out weeds, leaves and trash, prune bushes, move a truckload of mulch and clean up afterwards.

Many thanks to the Charlotte Community ToolBank! We'll definitely be back for our next event!”

**Wendy Wine and Jill Lipson**

Co-Chairs, *Lansdowne Elementary PTO*

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“For the last three years we have partnered with the Charlotte Community ToolBank for our annual Day of Caring. When your corporate volunteer team is completing a project in support of a nonprofit agency and you need tools to get the job done, be sure to work with the team at the Charlotte Community ToolBank. The resources and knowledge they provide will help you get the job done and get it done right.”

**Dewey Norwood**

Strategic Philanthropy and Partnerships, *Wells Fargo*

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Whether you'd like to help us fulfill our mission, or would like us to help your organization fulfill theirs, we'd love to hear from you.

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