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# 100+ WOMEN WHO CARE DONATION SUPPORTS COMMUNITY TOOLBANK

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Have you ever organized a community project where you needed tools, ladders, rakes, shovels, tables, chairs, or more to get the job done? Usually, you would rely on volunteers to bring those supplies from home and hope you have enough to achieve your project goals effectively and efficiently. Well, not anymore!

In 2015, Phoenix ToolBank opened its doors to the nonprofit community. Charities, schools, PTOs, neighborhood associations, faith-based groups, civic organizations, government agencies, and more have year-round access to an inventory of tools, equipment, and expertise for use in volunteer and community benefit projects, facility and grounds maintenance, and events.

Phoenix ToolBank is a nonprofit tool lending program that enhances the charitable sector's capacity to serve, facilitating volunteerism in Arizona. They are a nonprofit strictly to support other nonprofits and everything they do. The ToolBank maintains an 8,000-square-foot warehouse and specializes in carrying large quantities of high-quality tools with over 400 different tool types in inventory donated by their national sponsors, such as Stanley Black & Decker and Home Depot.

Organizations are required to pay a tool handling fee of 3% of the retail value of each tool borrowed times the

number of weeks used. For example, an agency borrows 30 rakes for one week. Rakes are valued at \$9.98 each. The tool handling fee for one rake is \$0.2994 per week. The total tool handling fee is \$8.98. A fraction of what it would cost to buy 30 rakes and huge savings for the nonprofit.

The Ahwatukee members of 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun donated \$15,700 to Phoenix ToolBank in September. "We are beyond excited to have been selected by this group and will use the donation to add additional inventory items that have been requested by our nonprofits and schools to grow our impact, including expanding our heat relief program," stated Jana Ferraro, executive director of Phoenix ToolBank.

100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun is a group of like-minded, passionate women who want to connect to one another and to their communities. Since the chapter's inception in 2015, the organization has donated over \$950,000 to local nonprofits.

To learn more or attend their next giving circle on Oct. 25 at the Foothills Golf Club at 6:30 p.m., visit [100wwcvalleyofthesun.org](http://100wwcvalleyofthesun.org). To learn more about Phoenix ToolBank, visit [phoenixtoolbank.org](http://phoenixtoolbank.org).