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TOOLBANK USA ASSISTS WITH HURRICANE HARVEY AND PREPARES TO DEPLOY FOR HURRICANE IRMA

Aransas Pass, Texas, September 15, 2017– ToolBank USA’s Disaster Services is onsite in Aransas Pass, Texas and ready to loan tools to all qualified non-profit organizations and their volunteers. The mobile unit is located at the Aransas Pass Civic Center in Aransas Pass, Texas, and is operating daily from 8 am to 5 pm CST. All organizations that are assisting with the recovery and rebuilding efforts from Hurricane Harvey are encouraged to borrow ToolBank tools and equipment to assist in their projects.

“ToolBank USA has deployed our mobile disaster unit for countless natural disasters, and our highly trained staff are equipped with the right tools and knowledge to assist in Texas and Louisiana,” stated ToolBank USA CEO Alan Harrison. *“The deployment of the mobile disaster services unit is an extension of*

our Houston ToolBank and will remain in operation as long as needed to assist in a smooth recovery from Hurricane Harvey.”

*Harrison added, “Now that hurricane Irma has passed, ToolBank USA’s Disaster Services are preparing to deploy to Florida once the initial damage and need estimates are complete. Due to the unprecedented scope of these two hurricanes, we require additional tools and materials to be able to support both efforts at once. At this time, we are focusing on sourcing and equipping a new disaster services trailer to deploy to FL. We urgently need **\$225,000** to achieve this goal. Please consider giving to our efforts to gather the needed tools and safety equipment for the Irma response. Donations can be made at www.toolbank.org or by using the text to give number **(832) 327-TOOL (8665)**.”*

ToolBank USA is leading the national movement to make an abundance of high-quality tools and equipment available to nonprofits and their volunteers. ToolBanks leverage our donor’s money, making their dollars go further, by supporting and making more efficient the nonprofits that they already support. In collaboration with in-market leaders, ToolBank USA is bringing Tools For Change® to communities across the United States. In Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Houston, Phoenix, Portland, and Richmond, ToolBanks loan tools to local nonprofits, schools, and faith-based organizations. ToolBank USA also operates a mobile disaster recovery ToolBank, which can equip volunteer responders in the field. For more information about ToolBank USA, please visit www.toolbank.org.

ToolBank USA is a nonprofit organization leading the national ToolBank movement.

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