Annual Report 2018

Safe at Home

112 Homeowners Served
9 Handyman Repairs
55 Furnaces Repaired

Our Mission

1. To sustain homes and neighborhoods by providing reliable, affordable home repair and modification services.

2. To serve vulnerable senior and disabled homeowners. We believe that everyone should have the choice to age in place with independence and dignity.

3. To support communities and volunteers by providing the tools and knowledge they need to sustain and improve their neighborhoods.

Tool Library

308 New Tool Library Members
18,224 Tools loaned
12 New Nonprofit Partners

Volunteers

6,223 Volunteer Hours Served
4,896 General Hours
1,327 Skilled Hours
43 Special Volunteer Projects
Safe at Home

Modcon Living's Safe at Home program provides grant funded service for quality home modifications and emergency repairs for low-income, senior or disabled homeowners. We believe that everyone should have the choice to age in place with independence and dignity. Services are provided by our dedicated volunteers, professional contractors and staff at no cost to qualified homeowners. In 2018, Safe at Home completed 43 special volunteer projects and provided assistance to 112 homeowners in Franklin County.

Helping our Seniors Age in Place

Ms. Taylor has lived in her home for 20 years. She has three daughters, ages 16, 26 and 36, and seven grandchildren. Ms. Taylor was the primary caregiver for her mother for 10 years during her mother’s battle with Alzheimer’s. Ms. Taylor continues to care for her middle daughter, who lives with physical disabilities and special needs. Ms. Taylor served in the Army National Guard in Human Resources for 16 years. She was stationed at numerous units throughout Franklin County before taking a discharge to care for her family.

Fifth Third Bank volunteers installed new kitchen flooring, rescreened windows, replaced switch plates, painted interior walls and ceilings and repaired cabinets among many other repairs.

“It also reminded me of my days in the military on our assignments when we had FTXs and we all had to work on missions. There is a lot of camaraderie, I appreciate all the work.” -Ms. Taylor, Homeowner

Rebuilding a Healthy Neighborhood

Over 473 volunteers joined us in Prairie Township for our 28th annual event, “Rebuilding a Healthy Neighborhood”, on May 5th, 2018. 21 low-income homeowners and their families welcomed our volunteers into their homes where 4,783 hours of service took place. Volunteers made general repairs and modifications and prepared homes for summer. Windows and doors were replaced, electrical and plumbing systems were updated, grab bars and safety modifications were added, roofs and sidewalks were patched and repaired.

Neighbors lent their support in the Volunteer Welcome Center. We offered general yard waste pick up and removed litter to include and engage the entire neighborhood. We mowed 3 vacant lots and provided yardwork assistance for 5 homeowners. We passed out over 100 safety kits, thanks to the “Home Safety Initiative,” and over 150 new air conditioning units, thanks to Sears.

Long-time volunteers remember “Rebuilding a Healthy Neighborhood” (RaHN) as “Christmas in April,” where we worked in homes scattered throughout Franklin County. In 2013, we refocused the event, partnering with governing and civic bodies, community based organizations and faith based groups to strengthen their connections to each other and our community.

RaHN celebrates neighbors & neighborhoods. Our volunteers make the repairs and modifications necessary to allow seniors to age in place. We want to thank our partners for their dedication to revitalizing communities.

Transformation made by Able Roofing for Blanche J.
Tool Library

In 2018, we added 308 new members and loaned 18,224 tools. Modcon Living’s Tool Library offers more than 4,000 individual hand tools and power tools for DIY home modification and repair projects. We empower homeowners to better care for their homes, properties and community gardens.

We are Modcon Living

Last fall, the board spent hours discussing the strategic trajectory of the program and we made the difficult decision to leave the national partnership. We released our new brand, Modcon Living, on March 1, 2019. Community response is exciting and we are working hard to get the name out to the public.

You can find us online at: www.modconliving.org.

Over the past couple of years, we worked to develop a business plan for a social enterprise called “Mod Squad”. We put our first truck on the road in October and are contracting our handyman services for profit. All income provides grants for our Safe at Home program, and as a result, we provided our first grant to help replace a furnace for a senior woman raising an 8-year-old grandson. Give us a call with all of your handyman needs to get great service and pay it forward!

Tool Library Impact

Heart of Ohio Family Health Centers benefits from borrowing from the Tool Library. The Tool Library has been a key factor in helping them expand their garden space, saving over $7,400 by borrowing tools from the Tool Library. All gardeners are welcome to join. If you want to grow your own flowers, fruits, vegetables, or herbs, we’re here to help!

“This is the 4th season for our community garden and without the benefit of being a member of the Tool Library, our garden might not have grown. The Tool Library plays a huge role in this effort! The popularity of the garden has driven one of our current projects to expand the size of the garden space. Through hard work, and the various tools available from the Tool Library our garden is a success and we look forward to another great year.”

–David Ike, Garden Manager – Heart of Ohio Family Health Centers

The Mission Continues completed a day of service on July 12th for the Boys and Girls Club. 110 veterans volunteered their time, providing 320 hours of service worth nearly $8,000 in community Impact. The Mission Continues saved $5,455 by borrowing tools from the Tool Library for this project. In total, the Mission Continues saved over $7,200, more than the service project budget they had for 2018 with their membership to the tool library.

“On behalf of the entire Mission Continues team, I want to express my sincere thanks for all of your help on our recent service projects. The Tool Library is an amazing resource and it allows our small project budget to be used for building material instead of project tools. Simply put, we couldn’t do what we do without you. Thank You.”

–Ian Haynes, City Impact Manager
INCOME

Contributions $248,899
CDBG Grants $115,999
Other Grants $335,500
Inkind $206,198
Other Income $299
TOTAL $906,895

EXPENSE

Program Services $730,575
Administrative $57,645
Fundraising $26,950
TOTAL $815,170
Increase in Net Assets $91,725
Net Assets, End of Year $276,825

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