

Say Thanks With An iPad, \$500, & A 283-Piece Tool Chest

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In many an office environment, this mere 1.5 cubic feet of space becomes a source of animosity, finger-pointing and disgust. I'm referring, of course, to the office kitchen microwave—a hot metal cube of burned Lean Cuisine runoff and dried sauce and soup spray that nobody wants to take responsibility for. Everybody uses it, but nobody particularly wants to take on the tedious (and gross) task of cleaning it.

And despite the fact that this annoys me, I can kind of understand why nobody wants to do it. Your only reward for this painful, thankless task is getting to watch your efforts get quickly covered over with melted cheese after a couple of days. It's definitely one of those things you do because you feel like you owe it to the team... whether you're lucky enough to have them reciprocate or not.

Every work environment has the kinds of people who take on some of the more thankless tasks—not because they have to, but because they look at their job responsibilities in a way that not everybody else does. And as much as we'd like to think that hard work gets rewarded eventually, not all of it does. Sometimes it's up to us to take note and make sure the people in question know that their efforts are not going unnoticed.

But you know what's even better than a quick thanks and a pat on the back after somebody makes your life a little easier or your factory run a little smoother? Giving them a bunch of cool stuff like an iPad, a Visa gift card, or a 283-piece tool chest.

It's not too late to get involved in our Maintenance Professional of the Year Award. Before May 25th, nominate yourself or a colleague to be eligible to win an awesome prize package and, of course, bragging rights. Click [here](#) [1] to access the nomination form; it's short, I promise.

A thank you is always appropriate, but wouldn't you love to see somebody great be rewarded for their efforts? Because the people out there who aren't afraid to get their hands dirty ought to know that we appreciate everything they do.

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