



## **Service Plus Expansion More than Doubles Building Size; Staff Size to Double, Too**

*Bigger space includes training area to help address building trades job gap*

INDIANAPOLIS, August 21, 2017 – Service Plus, a heating cooling and plumbing company founded in Fishers, is moving to Indianapolis, doubling its workspace and will double its staff size within three years.

“We couldn’t be happier with the location and size of the building,” said Chris Cunningham, owner of Service Plus. “We’re really excited to continue growing and to launch even more services in the coming years.”

Service Plus has operated for the past 15 years from a 3,000-square-foot building at 11771 Technology Drive in Fishers. Its new home is 7520 E. 88<sup>th</sup> Place in Indianapolis, which covers 7,000 square-feet of space. The \$1.5 million investment will provide space for office and field workers and equipment, as well as space for training others in the heating, cooling and plumbing trades.

“It’s becoming increasingly difficult to find young people eager to enter the building trades, which is a shame because they’re missing out on great salaries and developing skills that could take them around the world,” Cunningham said.

Cunningham trained as a heating air service technician before founding his company in 2000. Service technicians Service Plus range from \$15 to \$30 an hour. The company currently employs 30 people and plans to expand to 60 by 2020.

Nationwide, the [building trades’ staff shortages](#) are causing project delays and making it difficult for homeowners to find qualified home improvement specialists. In addition to fewer young people entering the trades, more and more experienced technicians are beyond or reaching retirement. A 2015 National Association of Home Builders survey showed 58 percent of builders were having trouble finishing projectson time and 61 percent raised home prices due to labor shortages.

Part of the Service Plus headquarters will be set aside as a training area for people who want to acquire building trade skills in a variety of areas. Cunningham hopes to work with area educators and companies to develop classes that will make it easier for returning veterans and others to acquire skills needed to work successfully in the industry.

### **About Service Plus**

Service Plus is a full-service heating, air conditioning and plumbing company that has served the greater Indianapolis area since 2000. It is independently owned and operated by

Chris and Emily Cunningham. The company is highly rated on Angie's List, Home Advisor and other consumer review sites and is in good standing with the Better Business Bureau. For more information about the company, visit: <https://serviceplusnow.com>

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