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FROM THE PRESIDENT

'Tis the Season for Giving... Always

I drove a car from my home in Texas to my college in Massachusetts the summer before my junior year. Having a car on campus gave me independence, and let me do things like drive two hours to Boston on the spur of the moment for much needed Mexican food. However, my parents made it clear that I was not to drive to Chicago, where my boyfriend had started law school. It was simply too far. As the year went on, driving to Chicago sounded more and more appealing to me. Struggling with the idea of driving to Chicago without telling my parents, I reached out to my beloved aunt for advice. After hearing my dilemma, she responded as expected of my mother's sister and encouraged me to listen to my parents. However, as my favorite aunt, she also said that if I decided to go anyway and the car broke down along the way, I should call her for help. And with that, I knew she had my back. Gifts come in all different sizes. This one was huge.

At Compass, we are in the gifting business in the middle of the giving industry. We are a nonprofit that gives all year long to other nonprofits that give all year long. Together, we give to children and families, to the homeless and the disabled, to individuals needing support, and to communities that need the arts. Through Compass' pro bono consulting program, Compass gives back to the communities we serve - in every season.

Through our programs, we provide an efficient way for business professionals to give back as well. Compass volunteers give their time, expertise and experience. In 2017-18, Compass enabled professionals in Chicago to give approximately 7,264 hours of consulting services to the nonprofit community - at no charge to the nonprofits. For volunteers, the value of making a difference in their community is personal. For Compass, the long-term value of engaging more than 70 professionals in the local nonprofit sector each year is so deep and lasting as to be incalculable.

With the end of the calendar year approaching, and the holiday season just upon us, giving is on the top of everyone's mind. As you think about your giving, I hope you'll consider a contribution to Compass. Each dollar you donate turns into \$10 of services back to local nonprofits. With many Compass volunteers staying engaged in the nonprofit sector for years after their first Compass project, Compass is a gift that keeps on giving.

As a nonprofit, there is not one single season for giving. It's just what we do.

Back in college, I decided not drive to Chicago, because ultimately, I'm a rule follower. Also, I didn't want to call my aunt if something went wrong. However, from the day she and I spoke, I knew that my aunt had my back. She has never wavered. That is still huge, and it's still a

Dance Place
Echo
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Montgomery County
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Unidos
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Speaking Organizations
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Families Forward
Philadelphia
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gift.

Thank you for your gifts to Compass, gifts that allow us to never waver in our support for local nonprofits. From all of us at Compass, we wish you a wonderful holiday season and all the best for the New Year!

Warmly,

Suzanne

JOIN COMPASS VOLUNTEERS AND GIVE TO COMPASS

Over the past month, almost 300 volunteers across all three Compass Cities have come together to raise over \$32,000 for Compass. Funding supports our unique pro bono consulting program, ensuring we have the infrastructure and staff to carefully select, train and support our nonprofit clients and volunteers.

We appreciate our volunteers for ALL that they do for Compass, but we can't do our work with their support alone. Please join this year's volunteers by making a tax-deductible donation to Compass. You can make a secure donation here:

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Thank you for supporting Compass, which ultimately benefits the many nonprofits that we serve and the many people with whom they work.

PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE 2018-19 PROJECT LEADERS

We're excited to have the following talented business professionals leading our Chicago pro bono consulting teams:

Daniel Gaynor, America SCORES Chicago
Marci Goldberg, Academy for Urban School Leadership
Andrew Sullivan, Chicago Fire Foundation
Sid Panjwani, CommunityHealth
Jean Tsai, Chinese Mutual Aid Association
Cynthia Garde, Chicago Women's Health Center
Cynthia Plouché, Facing Forward
Jay Abraham, Gary Comer Youth Center
Amy Mosser, HANA Center
Landon Spitalnik, SAGA Innovations
Christine Beattie, Victory Gardens Theater

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT

We couldn't put together our talented consulting teams without skilled volunteers. We couldn't recruit the amazing volunteers without the support of the local business school clubs. Thank you to the following clubs that help spread the word about Compass. We are grateful for their support.

Columbia Business School
Fuqua School of Business (Duke University)
Georgetown University School of Business
Haas School of Business (University of California Berkeley)
Harvard Business School
Johnson Graduate School of Management (Cornell University)

Fund
Philadelphia VIP
Senior Adult Activities
Center of
Montgomery County

Kellogg School of Management (Northwestern University)
McCombs School of Business (University of Texas at Austin)
MIT Sloan School of Management
Ross School of Business (University of Michigan)
Stanford Graduate School of Business
Stern School of Business (New York University)
Tuck School of Business (Dartmouth College)
UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School
University of Chicago Booth School of Business
University of Virginia Darden School of Business
The Wharton School (University of Pennsylvania)
Yale School of Management

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recruiting volunteers this year:**

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