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FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE GIFT OF COMPASS

The text from my son that read, "How was *your* day?" was in response to my text asking the same of him. "It was GOOD," I responded. My mind went immediately to an hour-long phone call that afternoon with a long-time Compass volunteer, donor, and founding Compass board member. We had scheduled the call so I could update him on happenings at Compass. As always, I got so much from talking to him. "I don't think this is the time to put your head down," he advised. And, "That sounds like a lot of ideas at once. Have you done a business plan?" He immediately offered to review a draft plan we'd been working on. He listened and gave polite advice that I knew came from someone who had built a successful business and had years of experience. He also knows and cares about Compass, making his advice particularly helpful. Interestingly, earlier in the day, I'd been editing a grant proposal that had been reviewed by one of my most experienced board members. Her suggestions made my work more efficient and productive, and the final product ended up much better than the original. Both of these people gave generously of their time and expertise. While helpful to Compass, ultimately I felt their gifts personally. Yes, my day was GOOD.

I realized that evening as I responded to the text from my son that, in fact, *I had had the day that Compass clients get all the time* - the undistracted attention of people who care. Attention from individuals who not only have time that my day doesn't seem to offer, but valuable experience and expertise as well. This, I know, is the gift of Compass. This is what our clients love most.

Right now, 134 business professionals are volunteering on 14 Compass projects in Chicago. All of these nonprofits will experience what I experienced. Talking to someone who really listens. Learning from expertise that may not otherwise be available. Receiving an objective, outside perspective. Knowing that someone else cares deeply about their organization.

With December 31st closing in, many nonprofits are making their year-end fundraising push. As a nonprofit, Compass is no different. I hope you'll consider a gift to Compass in your year-end giving. Your support ensures the gift of Compass for so many local nonprofits.

As we head into the holidays, I wish you the gift of having

Atlas Performing Arts Center

Brain Injury Services

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Washington Bach Consort

Washington Improv Theater

Young Artists of America at Strathmore

Greater Philadelphia

Center for Aquatic Sciences at Adventure Aquarium

Cradles to Crayons

someone who listens when you need an ear. Remember that Compass can always do that for you, too. Just call us.

Happy holidays and a very Happy New Year!

Warmest wishes,

Suzanne

JOIN COMPASS VOLUNTEERS AND GIVE TO COMPASS

Over the past month, almost 300 volunteers across all three Compass Cities have come together to donate over \$27,000 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.

THANKS TO 2019-20 PROJECT LEADERS

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

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