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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, 130 business professionals are volunteering on 14 Compass projects in Greater Philadelphia. In January, we will kick off another 14 consulting projects with 70 volunteers. 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.

Uplift Center for Grieving Children

Philadelphia

The Urban League of Philadelphia

Variety - The Children's Charity of the Delaware Valley

Greater Washington

After-School All-Stars

Atlas Performing Arts
Center

Brain Injury Services

The Campagna Center

Carpenter's Shelter

DC SCORES

District Alliance for Safe Housing

EveryMind

Hope for Henry

KID Museum

Kid Power

Literacy Council of Montgomery County

Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium

National Child Research Center

One World Education

Operation Gratitude

President Lincoln's Cottage

Rock Creek Conservancy

SCAN of Northern Virginia

Two Rivers Public Charter School

Washington Bach

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

DONATE NOW

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 thrilled to have the following talented business professionals leading our Greater Philadelphia pro bono consulting teams:

Rebekah Horowitz, Center for Aquatic Sciences
Brett Atkins, Cradles to Crayons
Alice Levy, Jewish Family and Children's Service
Margaret Schneider, Maternal and Child Health Consortium
Ruchi Kapoor, Need in Deed
Katie Law, Pennsylvania SPCA
Shelley Dinehart, Quest Therapeutic Services
Alec DiDonato, Rebuilding Together Philadelphia
Wesley Payne, Simon's Heart
Valerie Lenz, Students Run Philly Style
Eric Heisler, Sustainable Business Network
Benjamin Schimeneck, Uplift Center for Grieving Children
Jeffrey Turi, The Urban League of Philadelphia
Robert Kuehl, Variety - The Children's Charity

ANNOUNCING 2019-20 MICRO PROJECTS

Compass begins a second round of consulting projects in January. These Micro Projects provide similar services to Compass' Classic Projects and also end in May. We are pleased

Consort

Washington Improv Theater

Young Artists of America at Strathmore

Chicago

826CHI

Better Government Association

Cancer Wellness Center

Chicago Furniture Bank

Claretian Associates

Concordia Place

Housing Choice Partners

Inspiration Corporation

John Howard Association of Illinois

Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services

Margaret's Village

Marwen

National Runaway Safeline

Resilience

to announce the following nonprofits receiving Compass Micro Projects:

Art Sphere, Inc.
The Better Living Center, CDC
Chester Eastside, Inc.
Cloud 9 Rooftop Farm
ElderNet of Lower Merion and Narberth
Food Moxie
Fresh Artists
Gateway HorseWorks
Georgia E. Gregory Interdenominational School of Music
MenzFit
The Pennsylvania Prison Society

The Pennsylvania Prison Society Rock to the Future Ryan's Case for Smiles Team Up Philly

Thank you to our Micro Project Sponsors:

The Alfred & Mary Douty Foundation
The Foundation for Delaware County
MKM Foundation
The Neubauer Family Foundation
Philadelphia Eagles

NOW RECRUITING MICRO PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteer Application for Micro Projects is now open!
Consider using your professional expertise to serve on a
Compass project and make a difference for one of our Greater
Philadelphia nonprofit clients. Projects run from late January to
May 2020. Volunteers interested in serving as Project Leaders or
Team Members should apply via the application linked below.

CLICK HERE FOR MICRO PROJECT VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

The deadline to apply is Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 5:00p.m.

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