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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just Begin

I was looking forward to my middle son's college graduation in May, which was truly a great moment for him. However, I received more than I expected from the occasion. The graduation speaker for the Music Department was a young woman who runs a nonprofit. She told a remarkable story of growing up as a musician, destined to perform with major orchestras her whole life. She and her family sacrificed a lot to make her dream a reality. In her twenties as a professional musician, she came to know an organization in Latin America that gives children the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, children who would never have the chance to do so otherwise. The program changes these children's lives and their futures.

The graduation speaker was so impacted by this program, that she decided to start the program in the United States, instead of continuing her career as a professional musician. She told of calling a former teacher in tears, realizing that she had spent her whole life preparing for one outcome, but now wanted a different one. Her teacher told her that, in fact, her whole life had been preparing her for this outcome - to bring her love of music to children who needed it. She went back to Latin America for guidance on starting the program. She expected to find processes and advice and manuals to follow. Instead, she received the following instruction. "Just begin. Begin now, from here, today. Just begin."

I haven't been able to get this story out of my mind in the four months that have passed. First, it is perhaps the best story to tell college graduates that I can imagine. But more than that, what an amazing directive. Just begin. How many times do we put off something, because it's not the right time? Or we're not ready. Or for another perfectly good reason. But in the end, what are we waiting for?

At Compass, this is the beginning. We selected our nonprofit clients three weeks ago. Our Project Leader and team member applications are open. We are moving ahead with orientations, trainings, info sessions, and all the activities that propel us so quickly through the fall.

Now we just need you. We need people to step up to lead these incredible projects that have been so carefully selected, and to work with the amazing 12 nonprofits doing so much good in our community. We need volunteers to staff the teams, to bring

Arc of Northern Virginia

Arlington Arts Center

Audubon Naturalist Society

Beacon House

Child & Family Network Centers

Community Lodgings

Dance Place

Easterseals DC|MD|VA

Echo

Encore Stage & Studio

The Fishing School

Girls on the Run of Montgomery County

Hero Dogs

Hope for Henry

House of Ruth

Housing Unlimited

Identity

Junior League of Washington

Kid Power

Rosemount Center

SEED SPOT

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Two Rivers Public Charter School

Greater Philadelphia

African-American Chamber of Commerce

Art-Reach

After School Activities Partnerships

Campus Philly

Commonwealth Youthchoirs

Congreso de Latinos Unidos

their time and talent to these causes. I know that re-entry is hard after summer. However, this is also the best time to think about how you want to spend the next few months. Helping a nonprofit that needs your skills and experience is a pretty good option. So while you may see the Compass recruiting email and think "maybe some time...maybe next year," my advice to you is to just begin. Read the project descriptions and find the ones that stir something in you.

There is so much need in our community right now, and you have so much to offer. You can make a difference. Whether music, healthcare, education or something else that speaks to you, Compass is here. This is your year. Just begin.

Suzanne

**PROJECT LEADER APPLICATIONS DUE
SEPTEMBER 18 at 5:00 p.m.**

Compass is seeking MBA graduates from our [Partner Business Schools](#) to lead pro bono consulting projects for the amazing nonprofits listed below. If you want to have a personal impact on the broader community, Compass offers a substantive, intellectual experience addressing the unique challenges facing a particular nonprofit.

Project Leaders spend, on average, three to four hours per week on the Compass project. Project Leaders work closely with the nonprofit Executive Director and Board Chair, and manage a team of volunteer consultants to execute the work.

The Project Leader application is available here:

[Project Leader Application - Chicago](#)

TEAM MEMBER APPLICATION - NOW OPEN

Compass is also seeking volunteers to serve on teams. Team members spend, on average, two to three hours per week on the Compass project.

The Team Member application is available here:

[Team Member Application - Chicago](#)

MEET THIS YEAR'S CLIENTS ON OCTOBER 4

Join us for Compass' annual Project Launch!

Thursday, October 4

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Narrative Science

Prospective volunteers are invited to meet this year's clients and

Council of Spanish
Speaking Organizations
(Concilio)

Face to Face

Families Forward
Philadelphia

Fred's Footsteps

Hopeworks 'N Camden

Philadelphia Education
Fund

Philadelphia VIP

Senior Adult Activities
Center of Montgomery
County

Project Leaders. If you are interested in attending, please
RSVP [here](#).

COMPASS WELCOMES OUR 2018-19 CLIENTS

The short descriptions that follow hardly do justice to the work of these amazing nonprofits. For more details about each client and the specific project they have requested, click here: [Client Roster](#).

Academy for Urban School Leadership

www.auslchicago.org

AUSL transforms educational outcomes in Chicago's lowest-performing public schools by training highly-effective teachers and engaging students in art, music, and sports. *Strategic Marketing*

America SCORES Chicago

www.chicagoscores.org

America SCORES inspires urban youth through daily after-school and summer programming that combines soccer, poetry, and community service. *Strategic Alignment*

Chicago Fire Foundation

www.chicago-fire.com/community

Chicago Fire Foundation provides sports-based youth development and direct-service programs to kids living in some of Chicago's most underserved and violent communities. *Funding Strategy*

Chicago Women's Health Center

www.chicagowomenshealthcenter.org

Chicago Women's Health Center provides clinical health services to low-income women and transgender clients annually, regardless of ability to pay. *Funding Strategy*

Chinese Mutual Aid Association

www.chinesemutualaid.org

The Chinese Mutual Aid Association serves the needs, interests, and well-being of Chicagoland's immigrant and low-income community. *Funding Strategy*

CommunityHealth

www.communityhealth.org

As the largest volunteer-based free clinic in the nation, CommunityHealth offers free medical care to the uninsured. *Strategic Partnerships and Collaborations*

Facing Forward

www.ffchicago.org

Facing Forward provides families and individuals with permanent housing, education, advocacy, and social services. *Board Development*

Gary Comer Youth Center

www.garycomeryouthcenter.org

Gary Comer Youth Center works to disrupt the cycle of poverty in low-income families by providing a safe and supportive environment focused on academics, athletics, and leadership. *Strategic Partnerships and Collaborations*

Girls on the Run - Chicago

www.gotrchicago.org

Girls on the Run - Chicago educates and prepares young girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. *Funding Strategy*

HANA Center

www.hanacenter.org

HANA Center empowers Korean American and other immigrant communities through social services, education, culture, and community organizing. *Strategic Alignment*

SAGA Innovations

www.sagainnovations.org

SAGA Innovations transforms the lives of students in under-resourced schools through high-impact instruction and math tutoring. *Funding Strategy*

Victory Gardens Theater

www.victorygardens.org

Victory Gardens Theater cultivates a theater ecosystem that is accessible and relevant to people of all ages and backgrounds, and reflects Chicago's rich and complex cultural landscape. *Strategic Alignment*

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We're excited to re-launch our website. Visit our new site at compassprobono.org.

For specific Chicago information, go to: compassprobono.org/chicago

INVEST IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Like our clients, Compass is a nonprofit that relies on contributions to ensure we can continue bringing talented business professionals to the nonprofit sector to help individual nonprofits.

Every \$1 donated to Compass provides \$9 of consulting services back to local nonprofits. Donations from individuals, companies, and foundations make it possible for Compass to bring business professionals into the local nonprofit sector each year. You can donate to Compass to support and expand our impact - and yours - by clicking the Donate Now button below.

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Michigan Ross School of Business
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