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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### The Great Adventure

I've been watching the young people I know as they embark on great new adventures. For those in college and for recent college graduates, life is waiting to happen. I see it with my friends' children and my children's friends, and with the young people at Compass. Every decision feels significant. Which city? Which apartment? Which job? What about grad school? What about a life partner? These early decisions move us forward. I can still feel the wonder and possibilities of the unknown. And over time, life starts moving faster. More decisions. Picking a city and a job, having a family or not, changing jobs or taking time off, and finally settling into a community. And wondering every now and then about the great adventure. Is there still one waiting?

I would venture that there is always an adventure waiting. Often people talk about their adventures visiting faraway places and seeing cultures completely unknown to them. I think adventures can also happen closer to home. An adventure isn't just where you go. It's how you see the world afterwards.

Compass offers an adventure every year to professionals in Chicago. Your adventure supporting a local nonprofit will be defined by the people whose paths wouldn't have crossed yours otherwise, and the lives you wouldn't have otherwise impacted. This adventure uses your knowledge and skills, right here at home where you live.

I'm excited to share that Compass' Project Leader and Team Member <u>applications are now open</u> for the 2019-20 project year. We have announced a remarkable line-up of nonprofit clients (see below). These nonprofits make a difference in our community every day. Compass provides the opportunity for you to bring your talents and experience to one of these amazing organizations.

So this year, you can stay home and still have a great adventure. If you are new to town, you'll get to know your new community. If you've lived here a long time, get reacquainted by seeing your community in a new way, up close. This is an adventure you don't want to miss. This is your year to volunteer with Compass. I just know it!

Happy fall.

Suzanne Laporte President Margaret's Village

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## **Greater Washington**

After-School All-Stars

Atlas Performing Arts Center

Brain Injury Services

Carpenter's Shelter

The Campagna Center

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 Back Consort

Washington Improv Theater

Young Artists of America at Strathmore

# PROJECT LEADER APPLICATIONS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 13 at 5:00 p.m. CT

Compass is seeking MBA graduates from our <u>Partner Business</u> <u>Schools</u> 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 five 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 - DUE BY OCTOBER 18 at 5:00 p.m. CT

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:

<u>Team Member Application - Chicago</u>

## MEET THIS YEAR'S CLIENTS ON OCTOBER 10

Join us for Compass' annual Project Launch!

# **Thursday, October 10**

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. CT Narrative Science

Prospective volunteers are invited to meet this year's clients and Project Leaders. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP here.

## **COMPASS WELCOMES OUR 2019-20 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: <u>Client Roster</u>.

#### 826CHI

www.826chi.org

#### Greater Philadelphia

Center for Aquatic Sciences at Adventure Aquarium

Cradles to Crayons

Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia

Maternal and Child Health Consortium of Chester County

Need in Deed

Pennsylvania SPCA

Quest Therapeutic Services

Rebuilding Together Philadelphia

Simon's Heart

Students Run Philly Style

Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia

Uplift Center for Grieving Children

The Urban League of Philadelphia

Variety - The Children's Charity of the Delaware Valley

> Year Up Greater Philadelphia

826CHI supports students ages 6 to 18 with their creative and expository writing skills and helps teachers inspire their students to write. *Strategic Alignment* 

## **Albany Park Community Center**

www.apccchgo.org

Albany Park Community Center empowers immigrant children and families by providing a wide range of education services, from pre-school to small business support. *Strategic Alignment* 

#### **Better Government Association**

www.bettergov.org

For almost 100 years, the Better Government Association has promoted transparency, efficiency, and accountability in local and statewide government through investigative journalism and civic engagement. *Strategic Marketing* 

#### **Cancer Wellness Center**

www.cancerwellness.org

Cancer Wellness Center seeks to improve the emotional and physical well-being of people affected by cancer and their loved ones through education, wellness services, and psychosocial support, free of charge. *Strategic Marketing* 

## **Chicago Furniture Bank**

www.chicagofurniturebank.org

Chicago Furniture Bank is a startup nonprofit that collects donations of gently used furniture and household goods and distributes them to families and individuals transitioning into supportive housing, turning empty spaces into comfortable homes. Funding/Growth Strategy

#### **Claretian Associates**

www.claretianassociates.org

Claretian Associates provides affordable housing and vital services that benefit the safety and wellbeing of South Chicago families, including the Safe Passage Program to ensure children can safely get to school. *Funding/Growth Strategy* 

#### **Concordia Place**

www.concordiaplace.org

Concordia Place promotes growth and opportunity through economically inclusive early childhood, teen leadership, and senior wellness programs. *Strategy Alignment* 

## **Housing Choice Partners**

www.housingchoicepartners.org

Housing Choice Partners is dedicated to expanding the housing choices for very low-income residents, from high poverty and racially segregated areas to neighborhoods of economic opportunity, in order to reduce the cycle of intergenerational poverty. *Board Development* 

## **Inspiration Corporation**

#### www.inspirationcorp.org

Inspiration Corporation helps people who are affected by homelessness and poverty improve their lives and increase self-sufficiency through the provision of social services, employment training and placement, and housing. Funding/Growth Strategy

#### **John Howard Association**

#### www.thejha.org

The sole independent prison watchdog in Illinois, the John Howard Association monitors adult and juvenile correctional facilities, policies and practices, and advances reforms needed to achieve a fair, humane and effective criminal justice system. Digital Strategy

## **Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services**

## www.metrofamily.org/legal-aid-society/

Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services protects and strengthens families by providing equal access to justice for all by focusing on the most vulnerable communities, including those who are impoverished, the elderly, and victims of violence and crimes. *Board Development* 

### **Margaret's Village**

## www.margaretsvillage.org

Margaret's Village provides transitional housing and services for the most vulnerable in South Chicago and Englewood. They empower, mentor, and support women, children and the broader community so they can achieve their highest potential. Funding/Growth Strategy

## Marwen

### www.marwen.org

Marwen provides free visual arts, college, and career programming for Chicago's young people in middle and high school from under-resourced communities and schools. Board Development

#### **National Runaway Safeline**

## www.1800runaway.org

National Runaway Safeline is the national crisis and communications system dedicated to keeping runaway, homeless and at-risk youth safe and off the streets through its hotline, online and prevention services. *Digital Strategy* 

## Resilience

## www.ourresilience.org

Resilience is dedicated to the healing and empowerment of sexual assault survivors through non-judgmental crisis intervention counseling, individual and group trauma therapy, and medical and legal advocacy. *Strategic Alignment* 

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 \$10 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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