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This past Sunday, *The New York Times* published the last edition of a section called At Home, which rolled out shortly after the pandemic began last year. I had hoped they would continue publishing it, but they said it had served its purpose. It was another sign that life is returning to pre-pandemic times. In just the past two weeks and for the first time in over a year, I got my hair cut, which left me feeling almost giddy. I also bought clothes in a store and met a friend at a restaurant. Like returning to your hometown after being away, it's all coming back now. In some ways, I'm picking up where I left off. At the same time, I've changed some things that I hope stay with me. At this inflection point of before, now and what's to come, I'd like to acknowledge all the good that's been done for the past 15 months.

Every year we are so grateful for the tremendous work of our volunteers, and I always thank them in June when our consulting projects end. My thanks in this year like no other cannot be fully expressed. During Compass' first all-virtual year of consulting, we saw the best in people. Our volunteers adapted and for the first time didn't see their clients or teammates in person. Our staff, who are used to holding trainings and events in person, adapted and then thrived with Zoom. Even our Volunteer Celebrations allowed us to raise a virtual glass to toast our volunteers' hard work. Best of all, our clients report that their projects have surpassed even our highest standards.

My heartfelt thanks to all the 157 volunteers who supported 22 nonprofits in [Chicago](#) this past year, with a total of 793 volunteers supporting 163 nonprofits across all three Compass cities. I also wish to thank the leaders and boards of our nonprofit clients. You supported each other through the unexpected changes the past year demanded. We know that frustration, anxiety, long hours, creativity and common purpose shaped your year. Thank you!

This is also the time of year when nonprofits apply for Compass Classic Projects, which will kick off in September. After a year of the unexpected, many nonprofits are beginning to plan again. Many are deciding what to return to, what not to bring back, and what they want to keep from the past year. Instead of a growing crisis, nonprofits can focus again on the fundamentals – Board Development, Funding Strategies, and Strategic Alignment. In fact, this is probably the best time to revisit the fundamentals. For nonprofits that are unsure of what the year ahead will bring, we continue to offer our Decision Support projects to ensure you have the information you need to make the most informed decisions. (See below for more details on Classic Projects.) The client [application](#)

deadline is coming up on June 7. Please reach out right away for more information.

Finally, for all of our Compass supporters, thank you for keeping us going - literally through your generous donations and figuratively through the good wishes that your donations represent. Over the past year, we have all been in this together. This is what we want to keep as we move forward. This is how we'll strengthen our community. This is how we'll change the world. Thanks for being with us.

Have a great summer!

Suzanne

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## PRO BONO CONSULTING FOR NONPROFITS - APPLY NOW

Compass' client application is open through June 7 for our 2021-22 pro bono projects. Compass forms volunteer teams of experienced business professionals to provide skills-based consulting for nonprofits – free of charge. Our Classic Projects provide in-depth support in one of the following Service Lines: Board Development, Funding Strategy, Partnerships, Collaborations & Mergers, Strategic Alignment, Strategic Marketing, or Technology Strategy.

Details are available [here](#).

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## THE SORKIN CENTER AT COMPASS

### Compass Connect Conversations

The Sorkin Center at Compass invites you to our next Compass Connect Conversation on June 16, 2021, 12:00-1:00pm EDT to learn about best practices for establishing a successful and engaged Associate or Young Professional Board for your nonprofit. [Register today!](#)

Additional information about our Compass Connect Conversations, including recordings of past events, can be found [here](#).

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More nonprofits are turning to Compass for strategic support than ever before. Now through summer our hard-working staff prep behind the scenes—interviewing nonprofit leaders, scoping projects, recruiting business professionals, and more.

*Your financial support makes the critical groundwork possible.* Nonprofits are stronger, our community is stronger because of you.

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**2020-21 Classic Clients**

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• Crushers Club • Dare2tri • Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing • Little City Foundation  
• Merit School of Music • North Side Housing and Supportive Services • Reading in Motion •  
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## 2020-21 Classic Clients

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#### 2020-21 Classic Clients

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Compass believes nonprofits are the backbone of strong and vibrant communities and knows many are overstretched and under-resourced. Few can afford top-tier consulting firms. Compass has dedicated employees in Chicago, Greater Philadelphia, and Greater Washington, and has been providing pro bono professional consulting services to nonprofit organizations since 2001. We have connected more than 3,500 business professionals with nonprofits to complete 875 projects, providing over \$91 million in pro bono consulting services. To date, Compass has also placed 163 professionals onto 102 nonprofit boards. For more information, visit us at [compassprobono.org](https://compassprobono.org).