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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Deep in the Heart

The small sign on the diner in my neighborhood has been the same for the past week. It reads, "Our hearts are with Texas." I also noticed that the window of a small art gallery near my house held just one picture - a large painting of the state flag of Texas. The Lone Star State. I know that flag well. It hung on every public building where I lived for the first 18 years of my life. Being a Texan is an enormous part of my identity. Texans are tough, strong, independent, fiercely loyal, and protective of their own. So it caught me a little by surprise to see the outpouring of concern from my current hometown thousands of miles away.

In thinking about it, I shouldn't have been surprised. As a country we have lived through tragedies. We saw that a beautiful sunny day could turn on a dime when the inexplicable happened 16 years ago this month. We have lived through human violence and the rage of weather. It's hard to watch the photos of those living through the tragedy in Houston, and hard not to watch at the same time especially when many of the photos are of people helping other people. These are people helping those with whom they have no connection other than being caught in a terrible situation at the same time.

I've thought a lot about people helping other people this last week. That's not unusual, because that's actually my job. I'm in a position where I am constantly faced with the best in people. My friends say I have the best job around, and I couldn't agree more. At Compass, we work with amazing nonprofit leaders who spend their days helping others. And we work with incredible business professionals who volunteer their time to help those nonprofit leaders. At Compass, we get to know people every year who want to volunteer on pro bono consulting projects to strengthen their local nonprofits, and by extension, help the people in their local community. We know that people don't just step up in a crisis. People step up every day.

Right now, our Project Leader application is open, as is our Team Member application. We have an exciting list of nonprofit clients this year who are doing incredible work. If you are looking for a way to have an impact on your local community, volunteering on a Compass team lets you make a significant difference where you live. With any luck, the work we do to strengthen our local nonprofits will not only help our communities today, but will help us if something unforeseen happens in the future. I hope you'll consider giving back to the place you call home by volunteering with Compass this year. Through Compass, you have the chance to step up right now.

A-SPAN
Beacon House
Bright Beginnings
Carpenter's Shelter
DC Greens
DC Jazz Festival
Doorways for Women & Families
Encore Stage & Studio
Friends of Guest House
Friends of the Library
Montgomery County
Girls on the Run of Northern Virginia
Greater Prince William Community Health Center
Greater Washington Urban League
Homeless Children's Playtime Project
House of Ruth
HumanitiesDC
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Playworks DC
Rebuilding Together Alexandria
Sasha Bruce Youthwork
Studio Theatre
The Washington Ballet

I know that deep in all of our hearts is the desire to help others in need. We are human. That's what we know. And it's what we do.

Right now, this heart is back home in Texas.

Suzanne

PROJECT LEADER APPLICATIONS - DUE SEPTEMBER 13

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.

Project Leader applications are 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.

Team Member applications are available here:

[Team Member Application - Chicago](#)

COMPASS WELCOMES THE 2017-18 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](#)

Center for Conflict Resolution

Chicago, IL

www.ccrchicago.org

Center for Conflict Resolution works with individuals, communities, courts and other institutions to manage and resolve conflict. *Funding Strategy*

Enrich Chicago

Chicago, IL

www.enrichchi.org

Enrich Chicago's mission is to create new pathways for African, Latino, Asian, Arab, and Native American people to arts organizations. *Strategic Alignment*

Two Rivers Public Charter
School

VisArts

Wonders Early Learning +
Extended Day

Greater Philadelphia

ACHIEVEability

ArtWell

Bethesda Project

Center for Advocacy for the
Rights and Interests of the
Elderly

Chester County OIC

Community Learning Center

Family Service Association of
Bucks County

Interfaith Center of Greater
Philadelphia

Jounce Partners

Living Beyond Breast Cancer

Lutheran Settlement House

Montgomery Early Learning
Centers

Philadelphia Higher
Education Network for
Neighborhood Development

Southeast Asian Mutual
Assistance Associations
Coalition

Steppingstone Scholars

Women's Center of

Northwest Side Housing Center

Chicago, IL

www.nwshc.org

The Northwest Side Housing Center engages, educates and empowers the community through outreach, advocacy and supportive services. *Board Development*

Perspectives Charter Schools

Chicago, IL

www.pcsedu.org

Perspectives Charter Schools will provide students with a rigorous and relevant education. *Board Development*

The Renaissance Collaborative,

Chicago, IL

www.trcwabash.org

The Renaissance Collaborative, Inc.'s mission is to promote self-sufficiency through a network of supportive housing, employment training, and job placement as well as educational services. *Funding Strategy*

St. Martin de Porres House of Hope

Chicago, IL

www.smdp-hoh.org

The mission of St. Martin de Porres House of Hope is to create a safe and healing community for homeless women and their children. *Funding Strategy*

Volunteers of America of Illinois

Chicago, IL

www.voaininois.org

Volunteers of America of Illinois seek out and restore hope to those who have been forgotten or left behind, such as veterans. *Funding Strategy*

University of Chicago Crime Lab

Chicago, IL

www.urbanlabs.uchicago.edu/lab/crime

The University of Chicago Crime Lab has been partnering with government agencies to help design and test promising ways to reduce the social harms from both crime and the administration of criminal justice. *Funding Strategy*

Youth Outreach Services

Chicago, IL

www.yos.org

Youth Outreach Services promotes the strengths and abilities of youth and families by empowering each to face life's challenges with confidence competence and dignity. *Strategic Alignment*

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Kellogg School of Management (Northwestern University)
MIT Sloan School of Management
Ross School of Business (University of Michigan)
Stanford Graduate School of Business
Tuck School of Business (Dartmouth College)
University of Chicago Booth School of Business
University of Virginia Darden School of Business
The Wharton School (University of Pennsylvania)

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