## CompassPoint

2017 Gratitude Report



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#### **Dear CompassPoint Community,**

Looking back on 2017, one thing truly stands out for us: a deep and abiding sense of gratitude for the work we've done together and how you—our community—has supported us and challenged us to change.

Expressing joy and gratitude can indeed feel radical in the face of what we're experiencing across the country—a rising tide of unleashed unapologetic bigotry and racism, attacks on our environment, inhumane treatment and injustices against our communities, and the rolling back of victories so many of our movements have fought for. And yet, because of all that, joy and gratitude not only feel important—they feel like essential acts of revolution.

Times like these remind us that it's not enough to just tear down what's not working—we need to stand more firmly in our values than ever before and boldly imagine the kind of just and equitable world we want instead. We need new structures, new systems, and—most importantly—new ways of being with each other where justice and humanity can flourish.

2017 was a pivotal year for CompassPoint: as a group, it was a time to name our boldest collective vision and bring the wealth of our 40 year history more directly and intentionally into a tradition of resistance to step into solidarity with racial justice movements and the community of leaders we work with.

That vision plays out and evolves every day in our workshops, in coaching sessions, across cohort programs, and in the learning communities we bring together. Reflecting, experimenting, and practicing with all of you is the joyful, challenging, creative heart of CompassPoint's work. We're grateful to work shoulder to shoulder with leaders committed to social justice and we're grateful to be challenged to fully step into an approach to leadership that centers liberation.

We're grateful for the many practitioners that have worked at (and in network with) CompassPoint over the years, pushing our practice forward in big and small ways.

We're grateful to the many movement leaders across our programs who are fighting to end intimate partner violence, upholding reproductive justice, working toward racial equity, and dismantling oppression in all its forms. Their work affirms how our struggles are all bound up together.

We're grateful to the many foundations that have made this work and our own organizational transformation efforts possible, who have changed with us as we step into our commitment to racial justice and equity, and who have funded our efforts to invest in our core so we can be the best partner in contributing to a more just world we can be.

In this gratitude report, we're excited to share our new vision and values, introduce you to a few of the leaders we've been lucky to work with, and invite you to share in our joy and gratitude of celebrating CompassPoint's community of participants and supporters.

Thank you for your commitment to social justice and for learning and growing with us.

In partnership and solidarity,

The CompassPoint Board and Staff

## **OUR VISION AND VALUES:** Where Are We Going?

Our communities demand and deserve an approach to leadership development that centers liberation: one that nurtures people and relationships, lives at the crossroads of our urgent day-to-day needs and a visionary narrative of the future, and understands how our different struggles are bound up together.

In 2017, with the help of consulting group co-LAB (Maura Bairley, Monica Dennis, Viveka Chen), we created an organizational transformation focused on:

- reimagining our collective vision (what kind of world do we want to build?)
- grounding in our values (what are the principles that are the foundation for how we move toward that vision?); and
- shaping a new framework for organizing ourselves where those values can live at the center and inform everything we do.





## **Leadership Spotlights 2017 Get to Know Some of Our Program Participants**

We are so grateful for the community of leaders who have worked with CompassPoint over the last year and have participated in our programs—from Oakland to the Inland Valley of California, and all the way to Louisiana.

Across our programs, participants often remark on the power of connection. It's a reminder that relationships are at the center of social justice work. Without the trust, courage, and imagination that our program participants bring to the table, these thriving learning communities couldn't reach their full potential.

In these next few pages, we feature just a few of the many leaders that are part of the CompassPoint community as an invitation for you to get to know them better and get a glimpse into their experiences.



ARMAN LIWANAG



One thing that's been really important in this program has been the emphasis on humanization of self and others. From the very beginning, we've been able to share space with each other and go beyond our titles and organizations. It's about getting to know each other on a more personal level and going from the intellectual "head" space to the emotional "heart" space.

Equity work can be difficult and uncomfortable, but when we humanize each other, I think that sets us up to really transform our organizations. It's nice to connect with other organizations that I might not have met otherwise—to learn from each other and struggle alongside each other.



#### ARMAN LIWANAG

Senior College Affordability Advisor, UAspire

Participant in CompassPoint's Organizational Equity Leadership Development Program (Made Possible by the Kresge Foundation)

Read more about the OELDP program at: <a href="www.compasspoint.org/oeldp">www.compasspoint.org/oeldp</a>



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For me, network building has always been crucial in the work that we do. When you're looking at systematic change, if we don't have networks that are established and strengthened, then everything falls apart. It's exciting to see that there are so many people involved in this program that are working both at the grassroots and mainstream levels.

We're all interconnected but have different places in the movement. From our very first convening, it was very clear to me that the people chosen to be in this program are the right people. You can feel it immediately in the conversations we're having: everyone is in a place of readiness to question what is happening in the movement, to talk about racism and historical trauma, to question our own learning process, and decolonize our minds.



#### CIBONAY JIMENEZ

**Independent Consultant** 

Current Network Weaver Learning Lab and previous Strong Field Project participant
The Network Weaver Learning Lab is delivered in partnership by Management Assistance Group and CompassPoint
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Read more about NWLL at: www.managementassistance.org/network-weaver-learning-lab/



CARMEN GREEN



I can say that I've developed real friends through HIVE. When you are called to be raw on day one in front of people you don't know, it makes for an immediate bond. I'm learning how to get out of my head. I'm learning how to feel an issue.

Coming from academia, you're worried about the words and how you're going to be perceived. Now I know that I can tell my story and not be ashamed. I can stand behind what I'm saying and go beyond just facts and numbers to get my message across.

I know that I don't have to choose between a "policy place" or a "black woman place" or a "medical provider place"—I can do all the things that I believe I'm called to do.



#### CARMEN GREEN

National Training Director, National Birth Equity Collaborative

HIVE Leadership Development Program Participant (Made Possible by the Packard Foundation)

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Paul Buddenhagen

Susun Kim

Lupe Poblano

Marla Cornelius

Sean Kosofsky

Elizabeth Schaffer

Denny David

Cathy Miranda

**Emily Smizer** 

Shannon Ellis

Ruth McCambridge

Mandy Wu

#### **PEOPLE AND NUMBERS**

#### **Audited Financials**

**Total Revenue:** \$3,731,747

**Expenses** 

Program: \$3, 012, 800

Management & General: \$745, 051

Fundraising: \$74, 596

**Total Expenses:** \$3,832,447

**Net:** \$(100,700)

**Total Net Assets:** \$2,802,056

#### **2017 CompassPoint Board and Staff**

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#### **OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND CONSULTING ENGAGEMENTS**

#### **Cohort Leadership Programs**

**Network Weaver Learning Lab** 

Next Generation Leaders of Color Inland Region 20 participants

Organizational Equity Leadership

Organizational Equity Leadership

Development Program

18 participants

HIVE Leadership Development Program 15 participants

STRONG Nonprofits Program 23 participants

Fundraising Bright Spots Program 23 participants

Fundraising Academy for Communities of Color:

Fundraising Bright Spots for Black and Brown Communities 20 participants

#### Consulting Clients

Alameda County Community Food Bank Project

American Friends Service Committee

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API Wellness

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If/When/How

**JDC Partnerships** 

Low Income Investment Fund

MidPen Housing

Mimi and Peter Haas Fund

Minnesota Council for Nonprofits

Mission Economic Development Agency

National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance

**New Door Ventures** 

**Novo Foundation** 

**Pacific Foundation Services** 

Prospera

16 participants

**Rubicon Programs** 

San Francisco LGBT Center

SIREN (Services, Immigrants Rights &

**Education Network)** 

STAND! For Families Free of Violence

The California Wellness Foundation

The San Francisco Foundation

Women's Donor Network

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### **OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND CONSULTING ENGAGEMENTS** (CONTINUED)

#### **Peer Network Participants**

Finance Professional Network: 173

Bay Area Nonprofit HR Network: 133

#### **Number of Workshops Delivered**

123 workshops delivered

#### **Number of Workshop Participants**

2,297

#### **Number of Leadership Intensive Participants**

**Executive Director 101: 60** 

Nonprofit Management Institute: 43

Thriving as a Board chair: 18

#### **d** About the artist



Zeke is a cartoonist and illustrator working on the US/MX frontera in El Paso, Tejas. He uses comics to remix history and reclaim stories about the border community using satire and humor. He recently received the Boston Globe Horn Book Award for a graphic biography he illustrated titled Photographic: The Life of Graciela Iturbide (Getty Publications 2017). He has published work with VICE.com, Latino USA, The Believer Magazine, The Nib and Cinco Puntos Press. Zeke is currently working on a children's book written by Isabel Quintero to be published in 2019 by Kokila, a Penguin Books imprint.

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