



YEARS of HEART
A Celebration Benefiting COMPASS

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Dear Friends of COMPASS ,

Thirty years ago a small social service ministry was founded when Kay White set up shop in a windowless office at Christ Church Cathedral. The purpose was to help downtown Houston's "street people". Kay was enlisted to do this work by our Dean at the time, Pittman McGehee, and Reverend John Logan. The plan was to help with the clients' immediate needs, and to eventually focus on long range planning and goals, including how to find a job. John Logan came up with the name for the little agency: COMPASS. How perfect; a compass gives *direction*.

Sadly, thirty years later, the need for the direction COMPASS offers is greater than ever. On any given night, there are 10,000 homeless people in Houston. The majority want to get out of the hole of homelessness. They are eager to work.

COMPASS helps change the status quo of the homeless. We offer our clients practical resources that they cannot afford, but are essential to the pursuit of employment and independence, including: bus fare, help with obtaining ID, vocational counseling, reading glasses, haircuts, steel-toed boots, a voice mail account, and a mailing address. Equally important, COMPASS lends the necessary emotional support and encouragement ~ *the Heart* ~ of our dedicated caseworkers and volunteers.

On February 10, 2012 COMPASS will celebrate three decades of direction. Our "30 YEARS of HEART" celebration will include a dinner party in the Cathedral's Great Hall, and a lecture by Pittman McGehee. Naturally the purpose is to celebrate, but it is also to raise much needed funds to continue what Pittman, John, and Kay started 30 years ago. We hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be a special evening. Tickets will be available in early January, and sponsorships are available now. We don't think you will find a worthier cause, and hope to see you on February 10th.

Sincerely,

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