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### **NONPROFITS DOMUS AND FUTURE 5 JOIN FORCES** *Youth coaching efforts will expand to help more kids*

Stamford CT / Stamford nonprofits **Domus**, which operates a variety of educational, residential, and community programs for high-need youth, and **FUTURE 5**, which connects under-resourced but motivated youth with five adult coaches, announced today that FUTURE 5 (F5) will become a program of Domus. Co-founder Clif McFeely of New Canaan will remain with F5 and become the program's director at Domus.

The move reflects Domus' desire to ensure innovative preventative resources in the education field continue to be available for low-income youth and F5's desire to attract even larger funders and serve more kids.

Domus executive director Mike Duggan noted, "I've worked with Clif for over a decade—I've seen him mentor a young man and finetune how those relationships work best. We think this is the perfect approach for both kids and adults: It's not as intimidating when you, as an adult coach, share the mentoring workload, and there's not so much pressure on a young person when you're talking with a host of people who want to help you succeed."

F5 co-founder McFeely said, "This is such a logical step for us. FUTURE 5 staff and volunteers are proud of what we have created: a proven model for helping our students make the important transition from high school to college or career training. Now, tapping into Domus' expertise and resources, we will be in a strong position to expand our reach of students and serve them as the highest possible level of quality. "

The program will continue to operate at its downtown Stamford location convenient for both youth and coaches.

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#### **About Domus:**

Since 1972, Domus has helped thousands of our region's most vulnerable youth and their families experience success. The love, structure, and support we provide at our charter schools, residential programs, and community programs enable our kids and families to reach their full potential. Children are learning independent living and job skills, improving their academic performance, and developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Our ability to build relationships helps kids and families who may be struggling in school or in life focus on their strengths and make good choices. The result? Happier, healthier human beings who can fully contribute their talents to the communities in which they live and work. *Our vision: No child shall be denied hope, love, or a fair chance in life.* [www.domuskids.org](http://www.domuskids.org)

#### **About FUTURE 5:**

FUTURE 5's mission is to connect low-income, at-risk high school students to brighter educational and job futures. Through an in-person and online mentoring system, FUTURE 5 encourages teenagers to make the connection between their current high school experience and educational or professional goals of their own. Our goal at FUTURE 5 is to help our student members along the path to college or a professional trade school by providing them with the knowledge and tools that instill confidence as well as a support system and the networking connections that they need to succeed. [www.futurefive.org](http://www.futurefive.org)