

# **TEACH FOR AMERICA IN STAMFORD CHARTER SCHOOLS**

## *Innovative national organization chooses two Domus schools for 08-09*

Stamford, CT/ Six Teach For America educators will be teaching at Stamford's two charter schools, operated by Stamford nonprofit Domus, during the upcoming school year.

"This is a huge opportunity for the 300 kids in our two charter schools," said Domus Executive Director Mike Duggan. "We're proud to be TFA's first Stamford school and be partnering with such an esteemed organization. These six educators will help us reach the goal of giving every Stamford child a world-class education."

"We are excited and honored to partner with Domus," said Edna Novak, executive director of Teach For America's Connecticut region. "Teach For America is building a force of educators and leaders affecting change throughout the country to ensure that all children have every opportunity to succeed. Domus' high expectations for kids and respectful commitment to their families and surrounding communities made our decision to work together an easy one."

The TFA teachers were welcomed in late June at a reception hosted by Stamford Mayor Dan Malloy in his office. The mayor, along with the Stamford Board of Education and Stamford Public Schools, are partners in the Domus charter schools. Trailblazers Academy, the charter middle school, opened in 1999, and Stamford Academy, the charter high school, opened in 2004.

### **ABOUT TEACH FOR AMERICA:**

Teach For America is the national corps of outstanding recent college graduates who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools and become lifelong leaders in expanding educational opportunity. Currently, 5,000 corps members are teaching in over 1,000 schools in 26 regions across the country; more than 12,000 Teach For America alumni continue working from inside and outside the field of education for the fundamental changes necessary to ensure educational excellence and equity. For more information, visit [www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org).

Teach For America is in the midst of an ambitious growth plan, aiming to place 8,000 corps members across at least 33 regions by 2010. In the 2008-09 school year, some 6,200 Teach For America corps members will teach in 29 regions, serving more than 100 school districts in 23 states and the District of Columbia, placing the organization ahead of its growth targets.

### **ABOUT DOMUS:**

Domus helps over 600 children and their families experience academic and life success through two charter schools, supportive housing, and community outreach programs. Domus ensures that the children in its care meet their full potential by building loving, trusting relationships in structured, respectful environments. The Domus vision: *No child shall be denied hope, love, or a fair chance in life.* [www.domuskids.org](http://www.domuskids.org)

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