



October 2012: Holiday preparations begin!



Ho Ho Ho! Holiday season kicks off for children!



You have lots of chances to ensure our area's most poverty-stricken kids have a proper Thanksgiving meal and a gift to open in December. Your time and dollars can change lives: [Here's how](#). Involve your friends and neighbors and have fun while doing good! Adopt an Angel Family, organize a gift or food drive, volunteer at the Domus Mall...you can't *believe* the impact you'll have

with just a little time and/or money. Want to learn more? [Email Melissa](#).

Domus co-leads forum on educating struggling kids



September 20th at the Shubert in New Haven kicked off a statewide initiative Domus is co-leading with sister nonprofit OPP of Hartford. We're building a community of educators focused on the most struggling students and how we can best serve them. Well-known nonprofit leader Geoffrey Canada joined us to

discuss this challenge. More as this long-term effort unfolds.

Donate

Tell A Friend

Press Coverage: Stamford Daily Voice [covers](#) Nestlé Waters building recycling bins for Trailblazers. The American Lung Association's press release [highlights](#) our kids' successful efforts to raise money (along with Stamford Fire & Rescue) for the Trump Tower Climb.

Volunteers

Most of our volunteer asks are for the kids, but we could sure use a few people to help with light administrative duties: filing, updating records, or answering the phone. Once for 4 hours or weekly for a couple of hours would be great. Classroom help is needed one half-day a week, either morning or afternoon. Duties are whatever the teacher needs and might include tutoring, lunch duty, or project support. Volunteer feedback: "Incredibly rewarding and eye opening too." Email [Julia](#) or find her on [Twitter](#) at [@DomusVols](#).

Stuff We Need

...a box truck (really!)
...used bikes
...evening meals for our group home boys...
What are your ideas? Check out our [Wish List](#).

Volunteers: Making a difference every single day



Volunteers have helped our school year start off on the right foot. Stamford firefighters helped our Lion's Den middle schoolers at a car wash to fund the kids' entry fee for the Trump Tower Climb. GE volunteers just completed energy audits of both group homes to help us save money and started an iPad-based literacy program. MBIA volunteers did a major

landscaping project at our Passages Group Home. Youth are volunteering too: Our Lion's Den kids provided babysitting services for a recent East Side Community Conversation meeting, and we have a group of talented, nice 13- and 14-year-olds doing great things with our Chester Addison Community Center elementary school youth. Many [ways to help!](#) [Julia](#) can tell you more.

Save The Dates!

December 6th: Domus Diner Day at the Parkway Diner on High Ridge Road in Stamford...headed up by Rick D'Avino and his amazing GE Tax Team, who wait tables every year for tips. You've never seen tax professionals bus tables like this! Join us between 7:30am and 2:30pm...[Alison](#) has more info.

December 22nd: Domus Holiday Mall...Volunteer to help our shopping mall go smoothly for parents who're choosing gifts (donated by you!) for their children. Many jobs to do! [Julia](#) has the details.

PLUS: Keep an eye out for our mentor training, or [email Julia](#) if you want to be notified when it hits her calendar.

[Our Photo Albums](#)

Adorable faces, lots of learning and exploring, and the adults who make it all possible

Find all this great news and more on our [Facebook page](#)-- an easy way to get news and updates...you don't even need a FB account!

Photos in second and third stories taken by talented photographer [Rich Freeda](#), who frequently volunteers to help us tell our kids' stories.