



Hurricane Sandy: Just what we didn't need



How did the hurricane affect our kids? Domus families... 1) threw away an expensive fridge-full of food, 2) went at least a full week without much-needed wages since most are hourly employees, 3) had no power to cook so ate pricey (and less healthy) fast food or convenience food, and 4) had expensive unbudgeted storm purchases like flashlight batteries just as they were trying to save a little for the upcoming holiday season. *What does this mean?* Choosing between buying medicine and keeping the lights on, visiting a food bank with little food, and more terrible decisions. They were one crisis away from having it fall apart, and Sandy was that crisis. They can't recover alone. We hope you'll help us get them back on track. **Donate [here](#) for holiday food or [here](#) for general support**, like emergency cash to pay a utility bill.

Gifts for kids who'd otherwise have none



Imagine a child here in one of the weathiest regions of America having **not one gift** to open Christmas morning. Together, you and Domus make lots of things happen: You're improving literacy rates and helping folks get jobs. But we must do this too: Every child should feel the magic of Santa. Please **[donate funds](#)** to purchase gifts for children here in your own backyard.

Donate

Tell A Friend

Civic Life Project: Our Stamford Academy students [interview voters](#) earlier this month as part of the [Civic Life Project](#).

Volunteers: Bring your kids (aged 12 and up) and volunteer for a couple of hours at our Domus Holiday Shopping Mall on Saturday, December 22nd. Many ways to help parents who're choosing gifts (donated by you!); everyone who helps tells us it's big fun! Email [Julia](#) for the details or find her on [Twitter](#) at [@DomusVols](#).

Stuff We Need
 ...a box truck
 ...used bikes + lawn mowers
 ...a generator for Domus House Group Home
 What are your ideas? Check out our [Wish List](#).

[Our Photo Albums](#)
 Adorable faces, lots of learning and exploring, and the adults who make it all possible

Job training: Getting their hands dirty



Homemade pesto, handcrafted apple-cranberry chutney...Kids from Domus programs like our group homes and high school are learning skills they can use immediately on the job in one of our area's many fine restaurants.

Hands-on work, whether rebuilding engines in the Trafigura Work & Learn Business Center or in science class at one of our schools, engages kids and helps learning stick. Best of all, it gives kids hope for their futures, and hope is the gold bullion of helping kids improve their lives: the currency of change.

Right around the corner...

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 for delish dishes (and donuts!)...[Alison](#) has more info.

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