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*Above: Talented volunteers wrapping gifts for the kids in our group homes... can you believe those are basketballs?!*

## 1. How you transformed the holidays for thousands

W00t! You did it again! Last year's donations of holiday gifts, cash for gifts, and food exceeded \$100,000 and this year? **Over \$126,000!!!** Together we were able to help 100 more families than last year--and good thing, since this protracted recession means more families struggling and living with the extreme stress abject poverty brings. **Thank you** to the hundreds of donors and [volunteers](#) who made our holiday mall a blast, collected gifts from near and far, and reached deep for

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## Seven minutes...

Want to introduce Domus to a friend or colleague but aren't sure what to say? Point them to our online [video](#), courtesy of our friends at [RHI Entertainment](#).

## Stuff you could give us from your closet or garage...

...digital cameras + flashdrives  
...bikes and bike helmets  
...world peace (makin' sure you're awake)

What are your ideas?

If you enjoyed this or learned something, please forward this to a friend, colleague, or family member.

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the moms and dads who couldn't. You're the best :-)

## 2. NEW! School-based health center opens

Finally: on-site health care for students at both our Stamford schools plus the kids who live with us! We're excited to partner with CHC, which runs clinics across the state, to operate our shiny new clinic housed at Trailblazers so kids can quickly return to class when a health issue arises. Previously, the student and a staff member would have to leave the building and be gone for hours--bad news for kids working hard to get back on grade level. Watch this [four-minute video newsclip](#) about the clinic.

## 3. SAVE THE DATES! Adult Spelling Bee + Spring Gala

'Tis the season for two very different, very fun events! The 2nd annual [Adult Spelling Bee](#) is **March 10th**: Three-person teams compete for bragging rights, fine wine, and a \$3 (but coveted) inflatable trophy. Can your team beat last year's champs from UConn? Close behind them were teams from McKinsey, Pitney Bowes, and GE. Maybe our [spring gala](#), held at the Woodway Country Club on **May 7th**, is more your style: An elegant but fun bash with Kentucky Derby theme--a bourbon-tasting station, live and silent auctions, a fine dinner, and plenty of dancing. Be a sponsor, or buy a table while you can!

**By the way:** Did you see this [short video news story](#) about our therapy dogs?



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