

## Our Kids

The young people Domus serves are everything and nothing like other kids in our communities. They have dreams. They have suffered years of abuse. They want to get good grades. Their emotional development is years behind their age. They are talented artists and great at math. They may not get dinner tonight. And they love their parents and want to be loved in return.

### 2013-14 Program

### # Served

#### Community

Community center	221
After-school programs at Stamford Public Schools	294
Out-of-school-time program at Trailblazers middle school	141*
Summer camps	366*
Juvenile court diversion program	46
Youth training & employment	137*

#### Education

Charter middle school	162
Charter high school	144
New Haven middle school	36
Family advocates in Stamford Public Schools	88
Detention center summer school	50

#### Residential

Group homes and supervised apartment living	21
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### Total unduplicated youth served

1,227

\*Many youth in this program participate in other Domus programs as well, and we only count each individual once for our total "unduplicated" number served.

All Domus staff are certified in the Sanctuary Model, an evidence-based approach to working with youth who have suffered multiple and often severe emotional traumas.

## The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation

In December, 2013, Domus was awarded a second round of consulting support, and an additional \$200,000 grant, from the prestigious Edna McConnell Clark Foundation. We are part of its PropelNext initiative, which helps a small cohort of promising nonprofits from around the country; each is aiming to improve its practices and become more data-driven. In Phase One, we refined our program models for our family advocacy program. During Phase Two, we developed our program model for in-school remedial instruction and out-of-school programming. We are also enhancing our use of data, performing additional self-evaluations, fully utilizing our new data platform, and strengthening our internal practices.



Pamela Einarson

We foster the emotional well-being of our students by communicating the message "you belong, you are not alone, and we love you." We help normalize experiences so they begin to understand that adversity is common and does not define who they are. We build a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive culture.

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14



Pamela Einarson

Since 1972, Domus has helped thousands of the region's most vulnerable, high-risk youth experience success. Throughout our schools, community centers, and group homes, we create the conditions necessary for children to get on a path toward health and opportunity, so they can engage in their education and ultimately lead satisfying and productive lives.

OUR VISION IS THAT NO  
CHILD SHALL BE DENIED  
HOPE, LOVE, OR A FAIR  
CHANCE IN LIFE.

## Highlights from 2013-14

- For the second consecutive year, 100% of Stamford Academy graduates were **accepted into post-secondary programs**, including community colleges and vocational-technical schools.
- Over the school year, 86% of our full-year Domus Academy students achieved **a year of grade-level of growth in Math** (something almost none of these youth had ever done before).
- Nearly two-thirds of Trailblazers Academy sixth graders **reached mastery level** on literacy assessments—after 100% started the year below mastery.
- Over the school year, 42% of Trailblazers Academy students who began the year three or more grade levels behind in reading **raised their proficiency by a full grade level**.
- Nearly half of the chronically unemployed youth who participated in our work-readiness program **found jobs**. Others either returned for another session or enrolled in a post-secondary education program.
- We began operating a full-day **summer school** for male and female youth in the Bridgeport Juvenile Detention Center.
- 100% of the high-school seniors living in our group homes for homeless boys **obtained a diploma**—and matriculated into a post-secondary program. All participants also acquired and held part-time jobs in addition to their schooling.
- A former Domus group home youth **graduated from Fairfield University** with a bachelor's in accounting.
- Nearly 300 volunteers **worked regularly with our youth** and more than 900 others volunteered with corporate and community groups to complete done-in-a-day projects.

We seek out students who have struggled in traditional schools and offer them smaller classes, longer school days, and intensive remedial literacy help.

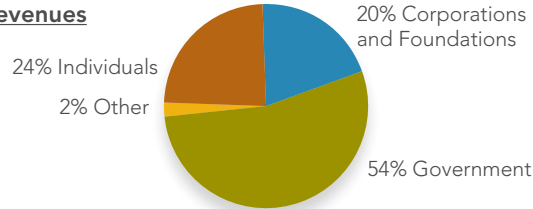


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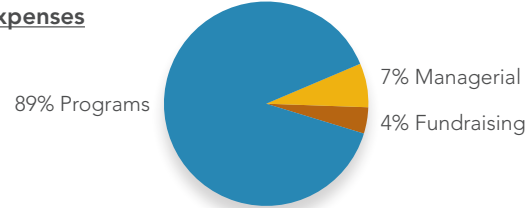
## Financials

We raised \$13.9 million from the sources indicated below and spent it as follows:

### Revenues



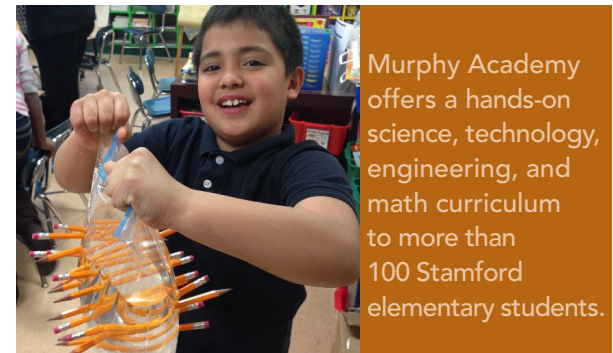
### Expenses



All figures based on our audited financial statement for 2013-14.

## Expanding Partnerships

- The Stamford Board of Education selected us to **run a STEM-focused after-school program** at KT Murphy Elementary School. This is the second Stamford Public School with a Domus after-school program.
- Domus now **operates the City's Juvenile Review Board** with a full-time staff member who collaborates with the courts and Stamford Police Department to offer an alternative to incarceration for minors who are first-time misdemeanor offenders.
- A satellite office of Child Guidance was established on-site at Trailblazers Academy, **increasing free access to mental health services** for Domus youth, and an Americares medical van began coming weekly to provide access to **free medical care** to the entire East Side community.



Murphy Academy offers a hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math curriculum to more than 100 Stamford elementary students.

## Our Programs

To help our youth stay in school and catch up academically so they can achieve the important milestone of high school graduation, Domus focuses on three interventions:

- high-quality remedial academic instruction
- effective out-of-school-time programming
- support in overcoming non-academic barriers to academic success

## Our Results

We carefully measure key indicators of our young people's emotional health and their academic achievement, so we can better understand their needs and continually improve our programs. Our program staff tracks this information and our three-member data team helps us to analyze and understand the data. We set aggressive targets to reflect the high expectations we have for our work and for our kids.

## Our Team

123 full-time and 76 part-time Domus staff, plus more than 1,200 volunteers, including groups from corporations such as GE, Pitney Bowes, Nestlé Waters, RBS, and Trafigura work at nine different sites across Stamford, plus our school in New Haven and the Bridgeport Detention Center. Our staff includes reading teachers; educational youth, and family advocates; classroom teachers; and a full-time volunteer coordinator to make every volunteer's experience a great one.

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Our full-day, tuition-free summer camps provide 366 of the highest-need youth in Stamford with recreational activities, hot meals, and academic enrichment.