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**Domus Kids, Inc. one of six National Nonprofits to Participate in National Grant to Improve Evaluation of Evidence-based Programs**

**Stamford, CT** – Domus Kids, Inc., a nonprofit serving struggling youth through school, out-of-school, and juvenile justice programs, was one of six US nonprofits selected by Project Evident to participate in a pilot “Talent Accelerator” program that will increase the data and evidence capacity of nonprofit organizations. The pilot, created by Project Evident, is funded by a grant from Doris Duke Charitable Foundation to further build the capacity of diverse nonprofit practitioners to build evidence. Project Evident is a nonprofit strategic consulting firm specializing in accessible evidence-building tools, talent, and approaches that accelerate and scale program improvement and impact.

Project Evident will convene a cohort of six organizations and 18 practitioners to engage in virtual, case-based learning with peers and Project Evident experts over a six-month period. Practitioners will submit real-life challenges for case analysis and discussions and are expected to “think, test and play” with new ideas and tools between sessions. Other nonprofits include Breese (IL), College Bound Dorchester (MA), The Home For Little Wanderers (MA), Let’s Go Boys & Girls (MD) and My Friend's Place (CA).

“The success of our programs are often predicated on passionate and compelling anecdotal stories that we share with our funders and donors,” Mike Duggan, Domus Executive Director, said. “Equally important to our funders are the ways in which we evaluate the success of our programs. With Project Evident’s guidance and support, we will build upon our existing evaluation process to strengthen current and future projects, build greater staff knowledge and resources, and measure our goals and outcomes.”

“We are excited to test this strategy to increase access to and further engage diverse practitioners in increasing their knowledge of evidence-based program development,” said Siobhán O’Riordan, Senior Consultant with Project Evident. “Together, we can test our model and beliefs, while building the capacity necessary to create real impact. We are grateful for the support of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation for enabling us to scale our efforts with such strong nonprofit partners.”

[About Project Evident](#)

Project Evident’s mission is to create a “new normal” for evidence building, in which evidence is a continuous strategic function driven by nonprofits, informed by evaluators and supported by funders. We do this using an open, cost-effective structure that builds nonprofit capacity to generate and apply evidence that spurs innovation, promotes rapid adoption of effective practice and significantly improves the lives of children and families.

[About Domus Kids](#)

DOMUS KIDS is a Stamford-based nonprofit that supports 1,200 vulnerable, high-risk young people to rise above adversity through compassion, understanding, and guidance. Our umbrella initiatives, school, out-of-school, and juvenile justice, serve as the basis for more than a dozen programs which provide children and young people with academic support, social-emotional skill building, and personal and practical connections that help them to navigate critical junctures in their lives so they may become resilient, positive contributors to their communities. Please visit [www.domuskids.org](http://www.domuskids.org) for more information or contact Andrew J. Martin at 203.324.4277 or [amartin@domuskids.org](mailto:amartin@domuskids.org).

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