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Domus Officially Opens Re-entry Program for Young People Leaving Incarceration

WHAT: Official Opening of the Invictus Re-entry Program in Stamford

WHEN: 8:30 AM to 10 AM, Wednesday, February 27, 2019

WHERE: 17 Forest Street, Stamford, CT

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Stamford, CT – Domus Kids, Inc., a community-based, multi-service nonprofit serving more than 1,700 young people, will formally open its new community re-entry program, Invictus, at an open house on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 from 8:30 AM until 10 AM. City and state officials will be on hand to celebrate the start of this ground-breaking program for men ages (17-25) who are returning from incarceration. Invictus works with program participants six months prior to their release from prison and up to 18 months after their release. Services include:

- Weekly individual case management and job-readiness training/job placement;
- Setting goals and working through potentially stressful situations including living with their families and developing fatherhood skills;
- Helping participants to meet their legal obligations such as parole or probation or outpatient drug rehabilitation.

Invictus is an example of a national effort to reform the nation's criminal justice system as evidenced in the recent passage of the First Step Act, by Congress and signed into law by President Donald Trump this past December. Hailed as a breakthrough, bi-partisan effort, First Step allows for \$250 million to be earmarked for education and vocational training, improved access to health care, counseling, and drug rehabilitation services in federal prisons – all designed to prevent people from returning to prison.

To learn more about this event, please contact Andrew Martin, Domus, at 347-820-2474 or via email at amartin@domus.org

DOMUS KIDS is a Stamford-based nonprofit that supports 1,700 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 for more information or contact Andrew J. Martin at 203.324.4277 or amartin@domuskids.org.

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