

## OUR KIDS

The young people Domus serves are everything and *nothing* like other kids in our communities. They have dreams. They've suffered years of abuse. They want to get good grades. Their emotional development is years behind their physical 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.

	# of unique youth served
<b>FY1112 program enrollment</b>	<b>815</b>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>	
Youth violence prevention/street outreach	129
Community centers	185
Out-of-school-time program*	(90)
Juvenile diversion programming	58
Youth training & employment*	(109)
Mentoring/coaching program	92
Latino outreach program	351
<b>EDUCATIONAL</b>	<b>450</b>
Charter middle school	176
Charter high school	136
New Haven middle school	48
Family Advocate Model in public schools	90
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>	<b>30</b>
Group homes (2)	22
Supervised apartment living	8
<b>Total unduplicated youth served:</b>	<b>1,295</b>

(which doesn't include their siblings and other family members)

\*Youth counted in other Domus programs

**"I was really shocked and grateful for all the gifts... My girls will have a great Christmas."**

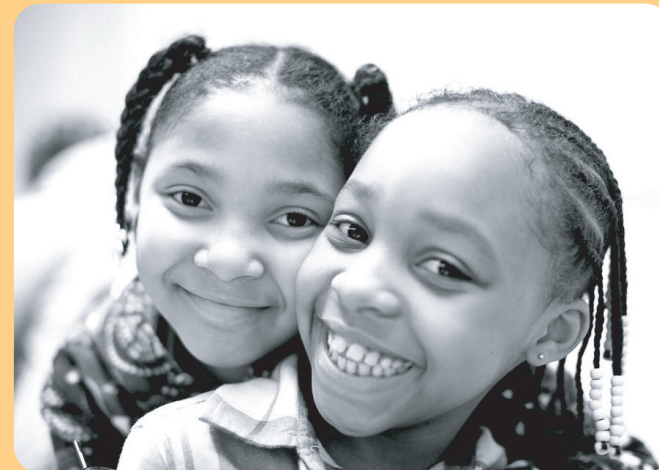
— Angel Family mom who was "adopted" through our Angel Family Program by a donor who provided Christmas gifts for the household

## A BIG OPPORTUNITY: THE EDNA McCONNELL CLARK FOUNDATION

In spring 2012 Domus was chosen via a national search as one of 15 nonprofits to receive a new Edna McConnell Clark Foundation (EMCF) grant initiative named PropelNext, which helps promising nonprofits strengthen their program designs and enhance their performance management system. The grant includes a \$200,000 award and top-notch strategic consulting; if we hit our 18-month milestones, we'll get another \$200,000 and additional consulting for another eighteen months. We've put the grant funds toward, among other things, a new position to help us better utilize the data we collect. This work will help us further enhance our family advocate model and our ability to make data-driven decisions, improving results for children across the organization.



**LOVE LIVES HERE**



## ANNUAL REPORT 2011/2012

Since 1972, Domus has helped thousands of our region's **most vulnerable youth** and their families experience success. The love, structure, and support we provide at our charter schools, residential programs, and community programs enable our kids and families to reach their full potential. Our ability to build relationships helps kids and families who may be struggling in school or in life focus on their strengths and make good choices.

Our approach focuses on **key life transitions** — moving from elementary to middle school, middle to high school, and high school to skilled work, college, or vocational programs—which are critical to future success but are also when youth are most vulnerable.

**Our vision: No child shall be denied hope, love, or a fair chance in life.**

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## HIGHLIGHTS from 2011/2012

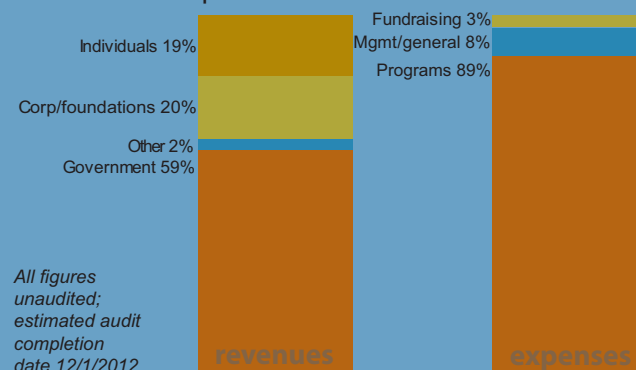
- **93% of Stamford Academy graduates** were accepted into post-secondary institutions, up from 50% in 2010 and 23% in 2009.
- Mike Duggan was selected to be the subject of a **PBS documentary series, *Turning Point***.
- Domus is wrapping up implementation of the Sanctuary Model, a model of organizational change, to help us **more effectively work with youth who've experienced trauma**.
- Four of our residential youth **graduated from high school** and went on to post-secondary opportunities: One attends a four-year university, two attend community college, and one attends a vocational training program.
- Mentoring program FUTURE 5 had **43 kids accepted into college** thanks to a team of volunteer coaches.
- Mike Duggan won **one of five Lewis Hine awards** (selected from a national pool by the National Child Labor Committee) recognizing outstanding professional service to youth; he was nominated by Governor Dan Malloy.
- We created and implemented the use of **social/emotional report cards** in all three Domus schools to assess student growth in this critical area.



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## FINANCIALS

We raised **\$14.9M** for FY1112 from the sources indicated and spent it as follows:



## KEY PARTNERSHIPS

- We expanded our employment readiness program thanks to funding partners **The Tow Foundation and Trafigura Foundation**.
- We were asked by the Stamford Public Schools to **run an after-school program** for Turn of River Middle School students and by Person-to-Person to **run a summer camp** for 100 kids
- **Over 700 volunteers** contributed nearly 6,000 total hours, which translates into almost \$225,000 in financial and in-kind contributions.

**"Domus is a model of vision and achievement... a remarkable agency."**

— *Community Fund of Darien allocations panel members*



**"It helped me gain skills...It got me ready for the real world."**

— *S., a participant in the Trafigura Work & Learn Business Center, our employment readiness program*

## OUR RESULTS

We carefully measure our services so we can better understand, and continually improve, the impact of our efforts. We set aggressive targets reflecting the high expectations we have for our work and our kids.

Our supportive services help youth develop vital success factors —

- improved academic achievement
- strong connections to caregivers, community resources, and family
- physical, social, and emotional well-being — to make successful life transitions and become happy, healthy adults who can fully contribute to the communities in which they live and work.

## OUR TEAM

128 full-time and 63 part-time staff members plus hundreds of volunteers from corporations like GE, RBS, and McKinsey work in seven sites across Stamford plus our school in New Haven. Our team members include literacy specialists, educational and family advocates, classroom teachers, and a full-time volunteer coordinator to make every volunteer's experience a great one. Join us!