



## November 2013: Five weeks until the Holiday Mall!



### You = smiles this holiday season



Every year, no matter what's going on their lives, you make sure Domus kids have joyful holiday memories. You and I had them--thoughtful gifts, family traditions, a feeling of belonging--and now together, we ensure **the most vulnerable among us** have them. Help us provide [gifts](#) that make the holidays happy times: Check out the [many ways to help out](#) and have fun!

### Mission accomplished! Food fundraising goal hit



Thanks to the Hannigans, the Maniscalcos, and nearly 200 friends, we hit our food fundraising goal at Saturday's Turn Off The Lights party at the Tokeneke Beach Club! We had an *awesome* time and met tons of nice folks, and it's a huge relief to know our families won't go hungry. Now we can focus on the fun stuff: **prezzies!** [Help us with gifts](#) if you have a little to spare.

### Stamford Academy: Opening doors



While our Stamford Academy students arrive at our school reading at least five grades below grade (or worse), last year they grew, on average, 3.1 grade levels in reading as measured by the NWEA assessment *in just one school year*. That significant progress is thanks to kids and staff working hard but also our supporters and investors. [Check out the great progress](#) made at our two Stamford schools last school year. Let's keep going!

**Congratulations to Domus Associate Executive Director Julie DeGennaro, who was one of ten women from across our state honored with an Education & Empowerment Award at the recent CT Women's Hall of Fame [annual induction ceremony](#)!**



### The holidays are here!

We think it's unfair for a child to have a lousy Christmas through no fault of her own. If you agree, [check out how you can help](#)--pull in your friends and family too!

**JOIN US** December 4th at Stamford's [Parkway Diner](#) for the annual Domus Diner Day! Our GE Tax Team friends leave their accounting ways behind to bus and wait tables, with [all tips going to Domus](#). Stop by from 7:30am to 2:30pm--the donuts are delish!

### Domus in the News

Here's a Stamford [Advocate article](#) about the big stock gift that came about because of our relationship with the Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation.

[Our FY1213 annual report](#), with **highlights, results, stats, and more**

### Volunteers

Cheers, **holiday elves!** Domus needs **250 volunteers** for our fifth annual Holiday Mall on Saturday 12/21. Email [Julia](#) or tweet her at [@DomusVols](#) to grab your desired two-hour block from 9am to 5pm!

### Stuff We Need

...[holiday gifts](#)!!!  
...gift cards for academic and attendance incentives  
...backpacks with school supplies  
*Check out our [Wish List](#) for more ideas.*

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Adorable faces, lots of learning and exploring, and the adults who make it all possible