



Domus Volunteers - April 2012



Welcome from Julia Wade, Volunteer Coordinator



Welcome to the first Domus Volunteer e-newsletter. You know Domus loves to celebrate—kids' successes, nailing that big grant, birthdays, anniversaries—and now its volunteers. Like our *It Takes 90 Seconds to Read* e-newsletter, the stories are just a smattering of volunteer life at Domus. Got an idea for how you can help? Drop me an [email](#) or call me at 203-324-4277 x.24.

iMentor Program



Ever ask yourself “How can I help if all I have to spare is an hour a week?” Genworth Financial (GF) shows how four hours a month can change a life. Twenty-eight GF mentors “talk” to their mentees weekly via iMentor emails and host monthly lunchtime get-togethers at their Stamford office. At a recent meeting laughter drowned out any chance of hearing oneself think as the mentees shared a story about their mentors that would “surprise people.” You say you touched Michael Jordon. Really? Please explain... (More pictures [here](#).)

Kids Helping Kids



Patrick Collins was a sophomore at Darien High School when his mom drove him to Domus to begin teaching guitar to four Trailblazers middle schoolers. He's still teaching guitar, only now he's old enough to drive himself. And what do the kids think of Patrick? “He's awesome,” said Trailblazers eighth-grader Mitchell, “and I've learned a lot.” Doesn't get any better than that.

Skills-Based Volunteering



Domus does many things well, including collecting data to improve outcomes for children. Where we needed help was in interpreting the social/emotional report card data to identify successful intervention techniques and expose weaknesses in the delivery of care. Lois Schaub of McKinsey & Company, a database expert, is developing analytic tools which can be used by family advocates—and they won't need a degree in statistics or computer science! Read more about skills-based volunteering [here](#).



Thank you Andrew Binger, Euralis Figueroa, Krista Ruggles, Bob Kocienda, Janice Burke, Diane Pauley, Chris Bartek, Florian LeSaux, and Chuck Wiley for helping make the Spelling Bee a success. You are the bee's knees!

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteer Spotlight



Graduation Help

What would graduation be without helium balloons, decorations, and flowers? If you have the time, skill, and a few resources, we could use your help preparing for the kids' big night.

Days: Weekdays
Time: Flexible
Contact: [Julia Wade](#)

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- Join us for trivia night at Black Bear Saloon on May 9th

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