How You Can Give Support During This Time of Need!

We are so grateful for everyone who has thought about our young people, programs, and staff during this unprecedented time. Please read the letter below to learn about the actions Domus has taken and the many ways you can give support.

March 16, 2020

Dear Domus supporters:

Many people have asked us how they can support Domus and the youth in our care as we continue to assist our young people and families during this unprecedented time. As of today, our Lockwood and Invictus sites remain open. We have closed our Stamford Academy and Chester Addison sites to thoroughly clean them, though all our staff members continue to provide services to our youth. To protect our staff and young people, we are limiting direct contact as much as possible and are instead finding other creative ways to engage our youth. Since we serve such a vulnerable population, we are not able to eliminate direct interaction with our young people and families. Two of our locations are Stamford Public Schools grab-and-go meals sites, so our staff members are distributing food every day. Additionally, we have many young people and families who need our help providing food and other essentials to survive these weeks. Without meals at school and at our Domus programs, our families’ expenses increase at a time when many of them are losing wages.

As you know, this situation evolves daily, and our needs may change, but at this time, the following would help us the most:

**Financial support:** In any amount, for all the items below, and as an emergency relief fund for families to pay rent, utilities, and other urgent expenses should they lose their income during this crisis.

**Hand sanitizer:** Our staff members are meeting in-person with young people and families to provide essential goods and check in on their mental and physical health, so we want to ensure they are protected. Our current supply of hand sanitizer has been depleted.

**Food:** Any shelf-stable, easy to prepare food such as pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, granola bars, tuna, Ramen, cereal, single-serving meals, and snacks. Many of our young people are caring for themselves and/or younger siblings at home, so foods that can be easily made and enjoyed by young people are needed.

**Personal care and household items:** Laundry detergent, deodorant, bar and liquid body/hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash, toilet paper, body lotion, menstrual pads, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and diapers are needed, as are arts and crafts and games to entertain young siblings in the care of older siblings.

**$25 gift cards:** To purchase the above items as needed; Amex, VISA, Shoprite, and Stop & Shop gift cards would be the most helpful.

We’re very grateful you are thinking about the kids and staff of Domus at this time—thank you for checking in with us. We deeply appreciate your assistance providing us with anything that helps our families get through this with a minimum amount of fear and suffering. You can drop off your donations at our 83 Lockwood Avenue site in Stamford, or you can make a financial donation at domuskids.org/donate. Our Amazon wish list is at [http://a.co/hGNqU4](http://a.co/hGNqU4). Please call or email Melissa Bramble with questions: 203.219.1517 or mbramble@domuskids.org. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Mike Duggan and the team at Domus
Check out Domus' Amazon Wish List [HERE]

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