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## **Domus Kids to Launch Pre-Release Re-Entry Program**

STAMFORD--Domus Kids is proud to announce that we are launching a program to help young men leaving incarceration successfully re-enter the community. Our staff will begin working with them six months *before* their release from incarceration and continue for six to 12 months after release. This program will seek to prevent recidivism, teach life and work skills, provide paid internships, and create a pipeline to full-time employment.

We will pilot this program in our 2018-19 fiscal year thanks to grants from the The Herbert & Nell Singer Foundation; The Tow Foundation; a private family foundation; and Social Venture Partners Connecticut, which will also provide pro bono consulting to help us build connections to friendly employers that provide living-wage jobs.

Before seeking this funding, Domus undertook an extensive program-model design process, through which we studied re-entry programs operating from Los Angeles to Boston and interviewed young Stamford men during and after incarceration. That planning process was funded by a grant from The Tow Foundation. We are currently finalizing operational details with the State Department of Correction and hiring staff.

**DOMUS KIDS** is a Stamford-based nonprofit that supports 1,200 vulnerable, high-risk young people to rise above adversity. Through more than a dozen programs, we provide academic support, social-emotional skill building, and personal and practical connections to help guide our youth through critical junctures in their lives so they may become resilient, positive contributors to their communities. See [domuskids.org](http://domuskids.org)

**THE HERBERT & NELL SINGER FOUNDATION** is a private foundation that was started in 1982. Currently one of its focuses is advancing a compassionate administration of the criminal justice system from arrest to prison re-entry. The Foundation is proud to partner with Domus in creating a pilot program designed to support Stamford and Norwalk young men returning to the community from prison.

**THE TOW FOUNDATION**, established in 1988 by Leonard and Claire Tow, funds projects that offer transformative experiences to individuals and create collaborative ventures in fields where they see opportunities for breakthroughs, reform, and benefits for underserved populations. Investments focus on the support of innovative programs and system reform in the areas of juvenile and criminal justice, groundbreaking medical research, higher education, and cultural institutions. See [towfoundation.org](http://towfoundation.org).

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