2012 Gala Celebrates EV

EVfriends old and new gathered at the Charles Hotel on November 10th for a memorable evening hosted by former EVkid Latoyia Edwards (NECN). The dinner program featured a Service Award to EVcorps alumna Julie Whitman, an Achievement Award to former EVkid Angelica Delgado, and a Youth Champion Award to Governor Deval Patrick. The gala premiered a new EV video produced by EVfriend Norman Lang (see at evkids.org/videos), and EVkid performances. Heartfelt THANKS to all who put it together, attended, shared stories, donated or bid on auction items: you all supported EV’s ongoing work with EVkids and their families.

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by Lilly Siu, Ed.D., Education Coordinator

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“Transforming lives from the university to the inner city”

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(by Angelica Delgado, former EVkid and this year’s EV Achievement Award winner)

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