EV News

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“Transforming lives from the university to the inner city”

The EV Family Gathers

This Spring’s EV Community Event was a huge success, bringing together EVkids, their families, their EVcorps tutors, EV staff and EV board members for a fun gathering.

A special thanks to Fr. George for hosting us, to Hallie’s Flower Garden for the beautiful flowers, and to the EVfamilies who brought delicious homemade dishes for the potluck dinner. EV staff and EV corps volunteers decorated the basement of St. Christopher Church and made everyone feel welcome.

Many thanks to all who attended and helped make it a fun and memorable event!

EV Giving

- Go to evkids.org to DONATE securely. Monthly or annual pledges of any amount are welcome and will help us immensely in our planning. All donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law (tax id. 04-2702655).

- Send checks to Earthen Vessels, P.O. Box 220502, Dorchester MA 02122.

- We welcome referrals of companies, institutions or other entities who need to recycle computers or electronics with total data security. Our green partner, Computer Recycling USA, will share ensuing revenues with us for years to come.

- Contact us at info@evkids.org

EV on the Web

evkids.org

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EV kids and their tutors from Harvard, Boston College, and Tufts put on an evening of entertaining performances, prepared over several previous weekends, to an enthusiastic audience. Check out all the pictures on Facebook at “Earthen Vessels (EV)”! Additional pictures on the back page.

The evening concluded with exciting door prizes for our EV families thanks to our generous EV sponsors (see back page).

EVkids Janayah and Jada with their proud mom

EV kids enjoying the evening with their EV kids and their families

EV Education Advocate Marco Montesano and EV kid

EVMCs for the evening, Moose and Andy, kept the program rolling with their humorous patter

EV kid dance number “Happy”

EV families enjoyed the delicious buffet dinner they helped put together
Tackling the College Process Together

Franchesca and Krista have only known each other since September, but you would never know it from seeing them together. Franchesca, a senior in high school in her 5th year as an EVkid, will tell you that Krista, a senior at Boston College, “knows about pretty much everything.” Krista admires Franchesca’s “diligence, organization, and work ethic.” She recognizes the challenges Franchesca faces and marvels at her determination. Their natural rapport and mutual respect is reminiscent of our pairs who have known each other for years.

Franchesca has spent most of her tutoring sessions this year drafting admissions essays, applying for scholarships, navigating financial aid, and filling out college applications. Franchesca will be the first member of her family to attend college, and Krista has been by her side the entire time, proofreading essays, emailing suggestions, and offering wisdom and encouragement. They would work on an essay during tutoring and then trade comments back and forth during the rest of the week. Last month, they even took a college tour together of Emmanuel College.

As of today, Franchesca has been accepted into all ten schools she has heard back from. Krista, who also works in Boston College’s admissions office, will be the first to tell you that these statistics are rare. She is not surprised, however. According to Krista, Franchesca’s “constant positive outlook, her caring dedication to helping others, and her academic successes” make her an exceptional candidate for any school.

Through it all, however, she has had the support and encouragement of her mentor, Krista: “My mentor is not only understanding about the hardships of being a teenager, but she pushes me to become someone great.” As Franchesca transitions into the next chapter of her life, both Krista and EV look forward to celebrating her successes together.

EVkid senior Franchesca and her EVcorps tutor Krista hang out at the EV Community Event

Join us for EV’s Moving On Celebration!

Saturday May 17, 2014, 10:00-11:30am, Cristo Rey High School, 100 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester

Join Franchesca, Krista and our EVkid graduates moving on from middle and high school, along with our graduating EVcorps tutors, at EV’s Moving On Ceremony. Come share in their excitement and accomplishments! We expect a dynamic keynote from Shari Davis, Executive Director for the City of Boston’s Youth Zone.

Congratulations Eduardo!

EVkid 6th-grader Eduardo with his EVcorps tutor Andrew, celebrating Eduardo’s selection as “Most Improved Student” at the McCormick Middle School