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EVkid Sarah singing to a full house



EVcorps tutors enjoying the evening with their EVkids and their families



EV Education Advocate Marc Montesano and EVkid Aram hamming it up for the audience

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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, **EVstaff** and **EVboard** 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. **EVstaff** and **EVcorps** 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!



EVkids Janayah and Jada with their proud mom

EVkids 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 **EVsponsors** (see back page).



EVkid MCs for the evening, Moise and Andy, kept the program rolling with their humorous patter



EVkid 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.

Diligence, organization and work ethic

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.

Ten colleges say “yes” so far to this “exceptional candidate”

In the weeks ahead, Franchesca will have the opportunity to choose where she will spend the next four years of her life. She realizes that there are still hurdles to overcome. Financial aid offers have not been as generous as she had hoped so **EV** is recommending her for some scholarship opportunities that require additional applications. Next year will be the first time she will live away from home, and she knows it may not be easy.



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

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.

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EVkid Ta'janae and Kathleen, Harvard '15, are finishing the third of the four years they plan to stay together

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.

EV Expanding to Harbor Point

Thanks to you and other generous donors, **EV** is expanding to reach more **EVkids**. This year we are up to 45 **EVkid** matches, and starting next fall, **EV** will be adding ten **EVkid** matches per year at a second Dorchester site hosted by the Harbor Point Community Task Force and Corcoran Jennison.



Local foundations have also stepped up to support our second site expansion serving the Harbor Point housing community. These include new grants from the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation—Mark grew up in Dorchester—and the Ludcke Foundation. Many thanks to them for their vote of confidence and their support!

Meanwhile, the addition of a new partnership at Tufts University and continued recruitment at Harvard and Boston College will help meet the need for additional **EVcorps** mentors.



Congratulations Eduardo!

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