Expanding Horizons Gala a Red Carpet Affair!

250 of you came out in style to walk the Red Carpet and celebrate EV, raising over $50,000 to fund EV’s programs. Hosted by former EVkid Latoya Edwards (NECN), the Gala gathered EV friends old and new at the Charles Hotel. Honorees were former EVkid Price Charlott (Radianse) and Terry “T” Walker (Roxbury YMCA). Special guests included Mike Bivens (New Edition), who as a former mentee of Mr. Walker’s spoke of the importance of programs like EV in the life of Boston youth.

Keynote speaker and VN board member José Edwards, and their longtime mentor, Terry “T” Walker, our 2014 Youth Champion honoree

Co-founder Marie-Claude Thompson received an extended standing ovation at the Gala upon the announcement of her retirement in her 35th year with EV (pictured here with Executive Director Eric Thompson and former EVkid Latoya Edwards (NECN Primetime News Anchor), our Gala MC.

EVkids served as greeters and enjoyed sharing their EV experiences

Guests rocked the Red Carpet

EVcorps tutors took on many jobs to make the Gala a success

EVcamp counselor and CIT reunion

EV on the Web

evkids.org

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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

Thanks to all our EVfriends old and new!

EV Successfully Expands to Tufts, Thanks to You!

Meet freshman Marjorie de la Rosa, one of EV’s newest recruits from Tufts University, our third college partner (joining Harvard and Boston College), and her EVkid match, 4th grader Gizselle who is also new to EV.

As a graduate of the Boston Public Schools (BPS) herself, Marjorie is very familiar with the Redline ride inbound to Dorchester for EV Afterschool. In fact, it was her former high school history teacher Ms. Galanter who recommended EV to Marjorie after hearing about EV’s expansion to Tufts during a conversation with EVstaff about a current EVkid in her classroom.

Marjorie moved from the Dominican Republic to Dorchester in the 5th grade and learned to speak English in a bilingual program at the Timilty Middle School. She graduated from the Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers where she was a four-year member of the varsity basketball team and an MGH Youth Scholar. Marjorie is pre-med and majoring in biology at Tufts.

Marjorie and Gizselle have strong goals for the academic year and the two have bonded quickly. They have been spending a lot of time building up Gizselle’s confidence doing math. “It’s been really great,” Marjorie explains with a smile, “I’ve seen Gizselle open up since the first day we met. She tells me about her day in school, what she liked, what she didn’t like. It’s really fulfilling for both of us. I really like that I am not only able to help her [academically], but also that we are building a relationship through the program. Having been educated in BPS, I know the outside programs and people that can help you in Boston. I know about things I can put on her radar for the future.”

Marjorie realized EV would be a great fit for her the first time she checked out the website, “I saw the mission of helping BPS students and I was a BPS student. I’ve gotten and am still getting help that is similar to what EV does... I thought it was a great thing to be a part of, especially because of my experience.” She has already decided to make EV a permanent fixture of her college experience at Tufts and is looking forward to building her relationship with Gizselle over the next four years.

Marjorie de la Rosa (Tufts ’18) and EVkid Gizselle

The start of a four-year journey together one:one

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“Transforming lives from the university to the inner city”
You Can Help Rebuild EVcamp!
George Bard, EVboard President

Greetings! I have exciting news to share with you. After a discernment process hosted by DSK Architects in Concord MA that gathered EVcamp alumni and EVboard members to address the conditions and future of the facilities at EVcamp, we have decided to rebuild the two main structures at EV’s 9-acre property in Granville, Vermont, so that camp can continue for another 35 years!

The first phase has focused on the camp farmhouse. In consultation with DSK Architects and Silver Maple Construction in Vermont, we determined that it was more cost-effective to build a new structure to meet the needs of camp instead of renovating the existing early 19th-century structure. In fact, construction has begun!

In order to complete the farmhouse by Memorial Day 2015, and be ready for next summer’s camp, we need your help.

I have pledged $250,000 as a challenge grant to make this project a reality, matching every dollar raised up to that amount as part of EV’s Camp Rebuild Capital Campaign. $115,000 has already been pledged! I hope you will consider a significant one-time gift, that I will match, to help us raise the additional $135,000 match needed to complete the farmhouse. Those giving at least $500 will receive a printed booklet I produced documenting in pictures the EVcamp spirit. Go to the Camp Rebuild Campaign at evkids.org.

Thank you for making the EVcamp experience a reality for the next generation of EVkids!

Thank you!

Your support is allowing EV to bring its uniquely powerful model of academic mentoring to more EVkids this year. EV successfully opened a second Dorchester site located in the Harbor Point housing development, serving 20 EVkids. You now support a total of 55 EVkid one:one matches with top university volunteers from Harvard, Boston College, and Tufts who meet weekly at EV Afterschool to work on the skills and confidence needed to succeed. This fall saw the seventh year in a row that 100% of our EVkid seniors matriculated in college as first generation college attendees! Thank you for helping change the life trajectories of our Boston youth, one EVkid at a time.

Another Good Match!
EV is proud to announce that Chyten will be partnering with EV Afterschool by sharing their premier tutoring and test preparation materials and strategies with our EVkids! Chyten is a successful local business that shares EV’s mission of helping students succeed. It now has centers across the country.