An EV Family Thanks You!

Margarita was an EVkid in 6th grade, but dropped out soon after joining because she thought she didn’t need the program. Later, “as a parent, I looked back and realized what an opportunity EV was,” Margarita says. “I realized that you don’t get opportunities like that anywhere else, and I knew I wanted my children to be in EV.” In 2008, Margarita enrolled her oldest son Hector in EV as a 4th grader.

Thanks to your support of EV, Hector went from being a very shy student who did not always reach his academic potential to someone who, in his eighth year with EV, advocates for himself and is an Honor Roll student in 11th grade at Cristo Rey High School.

Hector notes that “because of EV, I understand what I need to do to go to college and how to get there.” Now Hector’s younger brother Sabian, who is currently a 4th grade student at Maurice J. Tobin Elementary, is in his first year with Earthen Vessels. “Sabian knew about EV for a long time before he joined this year,” Hector says, “and he wanted to come with me.” “He wanted to follow in his big brother’s footsteps.”

Hector and his mother, Margarita, agree that Sabian has “fit right in” at tutoring, and that his performance in school has already improved. “Seeing his brother at tutoring helps Sabian focus,” Margarita says, “and it will help him follow in his brother’s path.”

Margarita’s family is so grateful for the support of EV and all those who make it possible. She adds: “EV has been so great for Hector. He has learned so much. Now his brother has that same opportunity.” And all thanks to you!
EV Camp Farmhouse Rebuild a Success!

Thanks to you and an ambitious camp rebuild capital campaign, spearheaded by Board President George Bard’s $250,000 challenge grant, EV Camp opened on time for summer 2015 camp sessions in a brand new camp farmhouse! Designed by DSK Architects of Concord, MA, and built during last winter’s bitter cold by Vermont’s Silver Maple Construction, the new farmhouse provides a safe space for our EVkids to learn, grow, and expand their horizons in a supportive environment that retains the cozy, family-style feel of EV Camp.

Many Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who helped us meet our $500,000 rebuild campaign goal! If you have any corporate connections that could help us secure additional partnerships for tents, sleeping bags, hiking boots, athletic wear, or sneakers, please contact Executive Director Eric Thompson at ericthompson@evkids.org.

New EV Video to Compete for #MentorStories $10K Prize

EVkid match Amara and Annie O’Malley (BC ’16), who are in their third year together, star in what we hope will be an award-winning submission in First Niagara’s #MentorStories video contest.

Thanks to videographer Norman Lang, who volunteered again this year to spend time filming and interviewing the pair at EV Afterschool, EV’s new video includes terrific footage and a heartfelt testimonial of EV’s powerful impact through strong mentoring relationships.

Americorps VISTA Grant Supports EV Alumni Engagement

Thanks to a federal Americorps VISTA grant, Elisabeth Harvey is serving for a year with EV as our Alumni Engagement Advocate to help us reconnect with and reengage EVkids and EVcorps alumni. Current projects have included the expansion of EV’s social media reach and the development of an EV Alumni Advisory Council.

If you are an EV alum and would like to help EV reach out to fellow alumni, or would like to join EV’s alumni Facebook and LinkedIn groups, email elisabethharvey@evkids.org for more information.

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