



EVkid alums Anthony Severino ('15), Anthony Cruz ('94), and Anthony Olivier ('11) (Gala photos James Jesson)



Gala guests enjoyed the food, the company, and hearing about EV's transformational work with Boston youth



Board member Diana Rodriguez, M.D., congratulating former EVkid and camp counselor Rosa Morgan on her EV Achievement Award

EV's Expanding Horizons 35th Anniversary Gala

Thank you for making it a
Big Success



Board member Bill Baldwin & Executive Director Eric Thompson congratulate 2015 EV Youth Champion Dr. Roger Harris (center)



Hosts Steve Aveson (NECN) and Jordan Rich (WBZ/CBS) kept the full house entertained

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.
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EV News

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"Transforming lives from the university to the inner city"

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.



Margarita's EVfamily celebrating EV's transformational impact with her EVkids at the 35th Anniversary Expanding Horizons Gala

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."

**The EV path
from 4th grade
to college**

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!



3-year match Kalise and Danny Swift (BC '17) enjoy a game together at the Garden thanks to the Celtics and Mass Mentoring Partnership

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 erichompson@evkids.org.



EVkids and counselors enjoying some free time off the new back deck at EV Camp



The open kitchen-dinning room is the heart of EV Camp's new farmhouse



Family-style meals, prepared and served by EVkid and counselor cooking and service teams, build community



EVkids are challenged to expand their horizons, hiking to the top of Vermont's highest peaks

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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.



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The contest is meant to highlight mentoring organizations in the states where First Niagara does business (MA, CT, NY, PA). Once eight finalists are announced January 5, 2016, we hope to enlist your help as the winning entry will be crowdsourced. Stay tuned!

In the meantime, you can view the video, which was premiered at EV's 35th Anniversary Gala, at evkids.org!



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 EVkid 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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