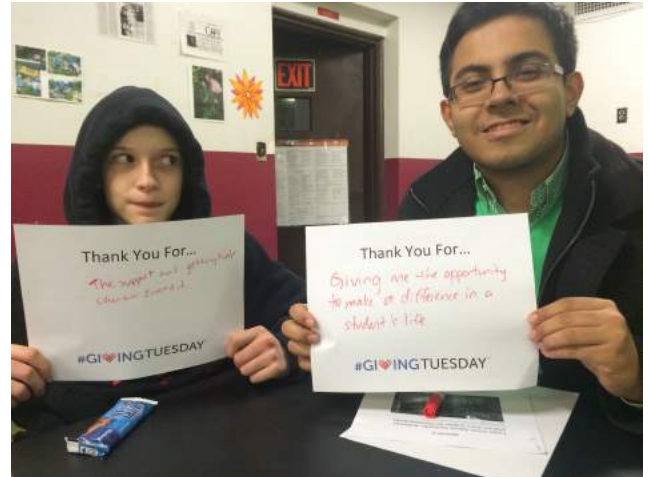


## “My tutee reminds me of myself at a younger age”

**EVkids** tutor Daren Garcia grew up in a low-income, single-parent household. His personal drive propelled him all the way from Laredo, Texas, to the campus of Harvard University, where he is a first-generation college student studying Economics.

“The best part of being an **EVkids** tutor is being able to relate to my tutee,” Daren says. “I can serve as proof that education can make important differences in the tutee’s life.”



**EVkids** tutor Daren Garcia (Harvard '18, right) relates to his tutee because he had similar experiences growing up. EVkid Justin starts 9<sup>th</sup> grade this fall.

*“I feel honored to make a difference in my tutee’s life.”*

As Daren gets ready to start his second year of tutoring, he looks forward to helping his tutee Justin, now a 9<sup>th</sup> grader, learn to navigate high school.

Daren appreciates that the **EVkids** Tutoring model relies on 1-on-1 relationships because it allows him to tailor his time with Justin to addressing whatever issues come up in Justin’s life. Because Daren has seen the importance of education in his own life, he strives to show others, like Justin, how they can achieve their goals through consistent work and dedication.

“Justin reminds me of myself at a younger age, and I feel honored to make a difference in his life,” Daren says.

“I can contribute life experiences to relate to my tutee, and instill the confidence in him that is required to follow his wildest dreams.”

### INSIDE:

- What **EVkids** alumni are up to now
- How your support gets kids ready to go back to school
- And what’s this new logo all about?



### COMING UP:

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Expanding Horizons Gala

Nov. 12, 2016

# New name, same mission

Did you notice something looks just a little different? Earthen Vessels has changed its name! We are now officially **EVkids!**

So why change the name after 36 years?

First of all, **EVkids** is growing! We need our name to easily communicate the central truth of our work: **EVkids** is all about the kids. And now you know that from the moment you hear the name.

Second, we want a name that furthers our mission while honoring our history. Earthen Vessels has long been called EV, so we kept the EV right there at the beginning of the name.

You can read more about where the name Earthen Vessels came from on our website at [www.evkids.org/history](http://www.evkids.org/history). Here's the short version: It's about what's on the inside.

We look forward to many more years of building a community of support for Boston's youth.

## School Supply List

- Calculator
- Highlighters
- Notebooks
- Folders
- Pencils
- Pens
- Tutor to spend an hour and a half just with you every week
- Professional Education Advocates to help parents and teachers work together
- A whole community of support to get you through school and on to college

*Your support builds success,  
one child at a time!*

## EVkids are ready for the school year – thanks to YOU!



Boston students are heading back to school, and that means it's time for another year of tutoring and mentoring at two after-school sites in Dorchester. Thanks to your support, **EVkids** is growing 25% to match a total of 75 students with dedicated college volunteers who will work with them 1-on-1 until one or the other reaches graduation.

Students and their families are also supported with professional engagement and school advocacy. Three Education Advocates will ensure that every child gets the attention they need to be successful, in and out of the classroom.

“**EVkids** really gets out and engages the schools, the families, and the kids,” says Program Director Lauren Ravello.

For the second year in a row, employees of Grand Circle Travel donated fully stocked backpacks, personalized for each kid with the recommended school supplies for their grade. As one grandmother said, “**The backpacks are a life saver. I had no idea how I was going to afford all the supplies the kids need for school this year.**”

# “One of the greatest decisions I ever made”

At **EVkids**, you are always part of the family. Many alums, both tutees and tutors, remain invested in the organization and in each other for years after they graduate. Claire Looney was an **EVkids** tutor from 2011-2015, thanks to a partnership with 4Boston at Boston College.

“**EVkids** was one of the greatest decisions I ever made,” Claire says.

Claire also remains very close to one of her tutees, Sarah, who graduated from Cristo Rey High School in 2015 and is currently enrolled at UMassDartmouth.

“My best memory as a tutor was the day Sarah got accepted to UMassDartmouth,” Claire says. “I’d never seen her so happy.

I was thrilled for her and her future.”

As Sarah moved on to college, Claire graduated from BC in 2015 and is now working at Oracle Corporation. This summer, Sarah interned in the energy department at South Middlesex Opportunity Council in Framingham. Both tutor and tutee are founding members of the **EVkids** Alumni Advisory Council.

“I wanted to stay involved in this community so I could continue making a difference and help **EVkids** be a strong force of education advocacy for the tutees,” Claire says.

Claire also serves on the Gala Committee, where she heads up the planning behind a bigger and better Gala Afterparty.

## Alumni Spotlight



**EVkids** tutor alum Claire Looney (BC '15, left) and tutee alum Sarah ('15) have remained friends and baseball game buddies. They also work together on the Alumni Advisory Council.



Jasmine (second from right) started with **EVkids** when she was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Shown here at the Moving On Ceremony in May with proud staff.

*“The best thing I got out of **EVkids** was the relationship I have with the tutors and the staff.”*

***I have come to think that the tutors and the staff are like my family.”***

*-Jasmine, EVkid '16, UMassBoston '20*

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# EVkids Camp wraps up another summer in the sun

