Tutoring expands to 4 sites and 110 pairs!

St. Christopher Church
40 Tutoring pairs
Located in Dorchester
Students from Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan
The original Tutoring site has moved around since 1985, and has been at this location since 2015.

"My daughter comes home visibly happier every Thursday after Tutoring."
- Mother of a 4th grader

Harbor Point
est. 2014
40 Tutoring pairs
Located on Columbia Point in Dorchester
Students from the Harbor Point Housing Development

Dewitt Center
est. 2018
15-20 Tutoring pairs
Located in Lower Roxbury
Students from Roxbury's Whittier Street and Madison Park areas

"The only thing I am looking forward to is school and EVkids."
- 4th grader Franky

Mother Caroline Academy
est. 2019
15 Tutoring pairs
Located in Grove Hall in Dorchester
Students from Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, enrolled in tuition-free all-girls school
Young alum gives back through education

Like many third-graders, Derick Rodriguez wanted to go and play after school, not go to Tutoring. But after school once a week, there was EVkids Program Director Lauren, waiting to drive him to Tutoring. He didn’t get it. Why did she care so much about his report cards or how things were going with his tutor?

Now, as the Director of the Sumner Boys & Girls Club, he’s thankful she cared that much.

“I think it helped shape who I am and become the person that I am,” he said.

Derick’s most influential tutor was a Harvard student named Daniel, who was Derick’s tutor for four years, until Daniel graduated college. The pair studied and did homework together, and they also shared personal stories, read newspaper articles, and played chess.

Daniel taught Derick how to play chess, and the stakes were high. If Derick lost a game (which he normally did), Daniel gave him a newspaper article to read. Derick didn’t like reading, but he liked these articles, which all had to do with current events around his neighborhood that he would not have known about otherwise.

Digging into local news helped him research colleges and ultimately decide to go to UMassBoston.

Working with Daniel sparked Derick’s drive to give back to his community, positively impacting kids the way Daniel impacted him. As the director of a Boys & Girls Club, he hopes to inspire children in the same way Daniel inspired him.

“I feel like I learned so much that I wanted to give back the favor, and it’s the meaningful work…. I feel like me moving around managing all these different pieces and really be a driving force I felt like as a teacher, it’s the most hands-on experience you can get and you’re really impacting them on a day-to-day basis.”
Hi,
I'm Isabellah. I'm 16 and a sophomore in high school (going into my junior year). I'm spending ten days this summer in Australia.
Good Afternoon Isabellah.

Thanks for your letter. I enjoyed learning about you and the program. What is your major? Our school had several choirs, but ours was really seen as the awesome program.

Hi Kathy! Or Captain Hill (whichever you prefer). Thanks for taking the time to answer my letter.
Good Afternoon Isabellah.

Thanks for your letter. I enjoyed learning about your life as a Marine in training. How hard is it to travel all over the world and live in a military base?

During the Leaders in Training session this summer, teenage campers broadened their horizons so much that they could see all the way to Australia. No, they didn't climb a really high mountain -- they exchanged letters with a Marine battalion stationed in Darwin, in the northeast part of Australia.

Camper Isabellah corresponded with Captain Kathy Hill, an Indiana native who is the only woman assigned to her unit. Isabellah told Kathy about how hard she works in school and on athletic teams, and that she is hoping for scholarships that will make college more affordable. Kathy told Isabellah about her travel all over Southeast Asia, Australia, and the South Pacific, and how much she misses her pet greyhound back home.

Captain Hill's Marine unit takes a break during a hike in Australia.

Counselor Andy, and campers Erwin and Isabellah take a break after a hike in Vermont at EVkids Camp.

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