

## EV Celebrates “Expanding Horizons”

Over 200 guests, including current and former **EVkids** and their university **EVcorps** tutors from Harvard and Boston College, gathered for EV’s 31st Anniversary Gala celebration on October 21, 2011, at the Charles Hotel in Harvard Square. View more **Gala photos** on EV’s **Facebook** page.

Latoya Edwards, **EVkid** alumna and NECN primetime evening anchor received the EV Achievement Award; Rebecca & Tom Malone, **EVcorps** tutor alumni and now both inner-city Baltimore school principals, received the EV Service Award (view an ABC-News profile at [evkids.org/videos](http://evkids.org/videos)); and Sr. Margaret Leonard, longtime **EVpartner** and CEO of Project Hope, received the EV Lifetime of Giving Award.

Jim Braude, WTKK radio and NECN personality, served as master of ceremonies and auctioneer. **Many thanks** to him and to our sponsors, Citizens Bank, EMC, Verisign, Symantec, and Computer Recycling USA, and to all who contributed to a great evening which raised critical funding for EV’s “Expanding Horizons.” Gala photos by Robert Hare Photography.

**To all who helped in any way, thank you, thank you, thank you!**



Young philanthropists with the Make the Dash Count Foundation that supports EV



EV friends enjoying a light moment at the Gala



Former **EVcorps** tutors Tom and Rebecca Malone receiving EV’s Service Award



**EVkid** alum Anthony joins Education Coordinator Nancy Jiménez and **EVcounselor** Denise Hill



**EVkid** alum Latoya Edwards accepting EV’s Outstanding Achievement Award from her primetime news anchor desk at NECN

# EV News

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“Transforming lives from the university to the inner city”

## “Thank you guys sooo much, from the bottom of my heart...”

These words of gratitude came spilling out as former **EVkid** Kenaya Washington recently reflected on the impact of EV on her life’s trajectory. **Your** support makes stories like hers possible.

Kenaya first came to **EVcamp** in Vermont as a twelve-year-old. She had never imagined being on top of a mountain, seeing the landscape in the distance, while other campers tried to catch the clouds with their sandwich bags! It felt good to be in a secure environment, getting to know the counselors on a personal basis. It felt like a family, sharing meals, enjoying the carefree experience of doing camp activities in such a beautiful setting.

**catching clouds, feeling safe in a loving community**

Coming back to Boston in the EV van, she and the other campers realized that they did not always have to be in the city to feel that they belonged, that they could accomplish something by making good choices, that there was a lot more out there to experience in life.

Kenaya also joined **EVtutoring**. She shared interests like music and fashion with her tutor, hung out in her Harvard dorm room during Tutor-Tutee Days on campus, and visualized having a college experience herself. Raised by a single parent, Kenaya continued to struggle with her academics, but EV helped her get into a private Catholic high school where she was able to get more individual attention and from which she graduated in 1999. The first in her family to go to college, she attended the Transitional Year Program (TYP) at Brandeis University followed by two years of community college. Her success at the college level allowed her to transfer to Boston University



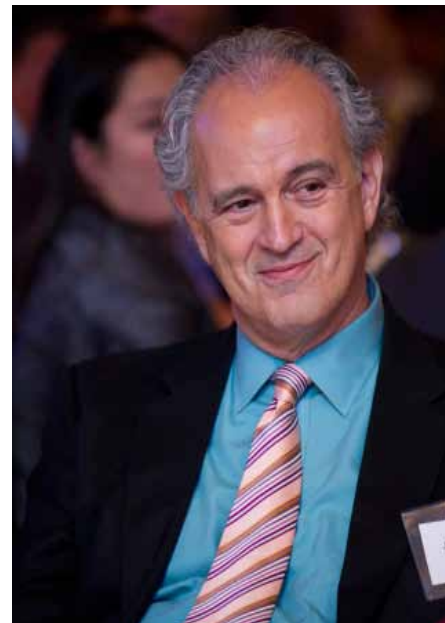
Former **EVkid** Kenaya Washington credits the whole EV family for her success as a Boston University graduate now working for a major pharmaceutical firm

from which she graduated in 2005 with a degree in biology.

Due to her persistence and hard work, Kenaya now works in quality control for Vertex Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, voted the best pharmaceutical employer in the country in 2011. She sees how her friends and contemporaries from her neighborhood who never pursued their education are still struggling and credits her EV experience with transforming her life.

**Thank you** for making such dreams come true for Kenaya and so many other **EVkids**. **You** help EV transform lives.

Kenaya’s story is featured in a video premiered at this year’s Gala that you can view and share online at [evkids.org/videos](http://evkids.org/videos).



Host Jim Braude brought his charisma and his enthusiasm for EV’s mission to the Gala

## EV Giving

- Go to [evkids.org](http://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.

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- 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](mailto:info@evkids.org)

**EV on the Web**  
[evkids.org](http://evkids.org)

Now on Facebook: **Earthen Vessels(EV)** and Twitter: **evkid**



Priya and Jeneba hard at work at the new tutoring center at Cristo Rey High School in Dorchester



**EVcounselor** Tom says goodbye to Sarah



Carlos and Matt enjoy their interaction at tutoring

## An Earthen Vessels Summer

by Allison Franklin, Boston College '12

I remember my drive up to Earthen Vessels camp this past summer, my mind simultaneously filled with questions, uncertainty and excitement. As a new EV camp counselor, my emotions and anticipations were comparable to those of a camper on their first day. Where will I sleep every night? Who will I work with? What activities will occupy my days for the next five weeks? Whom will I get to know, and what will I take away from this experience?

After a three-hour journey from Boston to the tranquil Green Mountains of Vermont, all my questions were fully answered by the intense experiences that marked my summer. I was overwhelmingly fulfilled, finding great satisfaction both in teaching and guiding campers, as well as in learning from them myself. By challenging ourselves, extending beyond our comfort zones, collaborating with those around us, and learning to support and love one another, campers and counselors alike experience growth, acceptance, and personal strength that empower and inspire.

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Never was there a dull moment as kids were constantly on-the-go, practicing, experiencing, engaging, and learning. Each morning jumpstarted with a healthy breakfast (including freshly-picked berries from the lake) followed by physical fitness to move our bodies, and spiritual fitness to center our minds, and keep us alert. We needed this strength for the morning activities, which ranged from archery and ping pong, to chess and bracelet making, guitar to yoga, jogging and nature walks. And not to be forgotten was the favorite (but challenging!) activity—volleyball! Lunch prep, reading, swimming, community games and free time kept the afternoons equally packed



Andy, Moise and Ashauna helped set a tone of enthusiasm and cooperation at EV camp

with fun, and the breathtaking beauty of the pond, lake and surrounding trees and wildflowers never ceased to astonish me. Dinner prep, singing, name game, and evening reflections rounded out the day, and provided a comfortable and unifying space for everyone to be together and appreciate each other. I found that the supportive and collaborative environment of camp, along with the constant engagement and activity, created a healthy balance between energy and reflection. The philosophy is unique and comforting, and is what helps build such meaningful and community-oriented bonds amongst us based in honesty, trust, and faith.



Crossing a bridge on the Clark Brook Trail on the slopes above EVcamp



Alexia checking out song lyrics

## EV's New Executive Director Spearheads Growth

After a national search, EV hired Peter Bagley to strengthen and grow the organization for the future.

A former senior manager at Raytheon, IBM Global Services, Fleet Financial Services, and ADP, Peter was the founder and President of Savio Preparatory High School in Boston. He remains on the faculty at Suffolk University and Babson College and brings to EV a passion for education and a commitment to helping young people succeed.

Over the past six months, Peter has spearheaded our move to a beautiful new tutoring space at Cristo Rey High School in Dorchester. He has also overseen our move to new office space in South Boston and our expansion to **Boston College**. An inaugural cohort of twelve **EVcorps** tutors from Boston College started in October!



Peter Bagley outlined EV's expansion at the October 21 Gala at the Charles Hotel



Bernard concentrates on Jason's next move in a counselor-camper match



Jaydah enjoys fun and games during free time



Daily physical fitness out in the field gets everyone ready for the day



Archery workshop is a study in concentration: Sonome takes aim with textbook form



Cooling off at the nearby spring-fed pond



Jason, Moise, Andy, Allison and Gavril head up towards the summit of Camel's Hump