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# EVkids Horizons

Fall 2018

## Third EVkids Tutoring site opens, expanding opportunities for more youth!

*New Roxbury location is convenient to students' homes and Northeastern University*

Thanks to you, EVkids has now opened a third Tutoring site!

Site Director Jenn Bufithis-Hurie and long-time Program Director Lauren Ravello are spearheading the new third site, hosted at the Dewitt Community Center in Roxbury. The 2018-19 school year is the first in a three-year rollout, starting with 15 tutor-tutee pairs and growing to 40 pairs by 2020-21 -- in addition to the 80 pairs supported at the two Dorchester sites!

Like at the first two sites, most

tutees fall into one of two categories. The first group is made up of kids who know they want to go far, but they don't quite know how to get there.

The second group are kids who don't yet know what they are capable of. Bradley is in this group, a 6th grader who is trying to simply get a foothold when everything around him is new, and probably scary. Bradley moved to the U.S. from Haiti just six months ago, and now lives with his aunt and cousins. In school, he is an English Language Learner, receiving special help to learn his second language, English. He is shy and quiet, with a passion for playing soccer. His aunt is among the many who know how important it is for Bradley to have the attention of a trained, supported, committed 1-on-1 tutor to meet with week after week.

"I think having a tutor who spends time focusing on him will help bring Bradley out of his shell," Jenn said after meeting him.

To support the new Dewitt site, EVkids is recruiting tutors from even more universities through new campus partnerships. So far this year, tutors come from Harvard, Boston College, Tufts, Lesley, Boston University, Northeastern, Emmanuel College, and

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UMassBoston. Northeastern students will have the easiest commute to the new site, which is an easy walking distance from their campus.

After 38 years of helping Boston's youth fulfill their potential, your

support continues to make opportunities available to more students every year!



Opening a third EVkids Tutoring site means more pairs like Jancarlos (11th grade) and Stephen Gleason (Harvard '18, now a teacher in Boston).



Tutees at all three EVkids Tutoring sites received fully stocked, grade-appropriate backpacks assembled and donated by employees of Grand Circle Travel. Above, 10-year-old Selenes loved her new bright pink backpack, which helped her start 5th grade on the right foot!

# Campers take a walk on the wild side!



For EVkids campers, spending a week or two in the Green Mountains of Vermont is a brand new way of living. They cook and eat meals together, learn and play team sports, hike, swim in a lake, and spend time on a local farm learning about animals and where their food comes from.

Thanks to you, EVkids Camp welcomes dozens of city kids who want to take a guided walk on the wild -- or domesticated -- side.



## Alumni Spotlight

### Young alum experiences the familiar in a new way

After 3 years as an EVcorps tutor, Haley Curtin (Harvard '18) is continuing to build a life of service by working in impoverished rural communities. She is volunteering as an Activities Director at the Red Cloud Indian School, a Jesuit high school on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Now that the school year has begun, she is leading the student council, organizing an after-school program, planning homecoming, driving a morning bus route, and helping with college applications. She admits it has been a little hectic with all of her responsibilities, but overall she is having a fun and powerful experience building community on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Haley especially enjoys the local Lakota-Catholic church, where prayers and music are often in Lakota, and there is drumming during the consecration.



Haley with her tutee Kasilyn at the Moving On Ceremony in May.

## "Who Am I?"

by EVkid Assata, 6th grade

I'm from a household full of immigrants from Africa.  
I'm from a race that gets discrimination just because of our skin.  
I'm from two sides that I'm not fully, but partly of each.  
I'm from a side that goes all the way to West Africa, also from a side that's in Boston.  
I'm from a side where relationships don't always work.

I'm from a side that you have to stick up for what you believe in.  
I'm from a side that grades are crucial.  
I'm from a side that women and men are equal.  
I'm from a side of peace. People ask who I am, so what I say is I am an independent girl that doesn't sit and dream about what she wants but knows and works hard for what she wants.

## Mentors are all around you!

EVkids staff know personally how important mentors are to growing into strong, confident adults. Here are a few of their memorable mentors.



"My high school cross country coach turned a mediocre team into one that could win meets. She taught me what it means to give something everything you have. I still call her 'Coach' as an adult."

--Heather Angell,  
Tutor Director/Chaplain



"My high school journalism teacher Ms. Rider gave me a safe space to try new things, fail, and try again. She is a part of why I work with youth today, to help give them that kind of space too."

--Erin Ginnaty-Moore,  
St. Christopher Site Director



"EVkids Co-Founder Marie-Claude was an important mentor to me when I was a camp counselor. She has a very strong faith, and she is contemplative in action. She prays, and then she acts. She does so much for kids, and lives a life of service."

--Stephen Lopez,  
Harbor Point Education Advocate

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## How have mentors changed your life?

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