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Tutoring Plus of Cambridge Celebrates Its Volunteers

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Tutoring Plus of Cambridge held its fourth annual Volunteer Appreciation Night where it recognized the efforts of its more than 170 volunteers.

Tutoring Plus of Cambridge, a small local non-profit based in Area IV and focused on tutoring and mentoring since 1964, has wrapped up their programs for the 2009-2010 school year. Tutoring Plus' model matches middle and high school students one-on-one with an educated volunteer. The matches meet once a week for at least one school semester and more commonly for a school year.



At this year's event, Tutoring Plus specially recognized the efforts of many of its volunteers who have been tutoring for more than three years with the organization. They also recognized several "Unsung Heroes" and a "Rookie of the Year" for each of their six different sites located throughout Cambridge.

In addition to these awards, Tutoring Plus signaled out one volunteer, Lisa McNamara, to receive the second annual Louis Menand III Award, for outstanding commitment to her student and to the organization. Lisa has been matched with her student for two years, and not only meets with her once a week at a tutoring site, but schedules additional meetings at the public library when her student is behind in school or has a test coming up. She also has a relationship with her student's family and takes her student out on mentoring trips to Frog Pond and other city attractions.

More than 75 of Tutoring Plus' active tutors, staff and board members met to congratulate each other on a very successful year at the Middlesex Lounge last Tuesday, June 1st. The night was an opportunity for Tutoring Plus' community of volunteers to reflect and celebrate an incredibly successful year, in which volunteers gave over 4,000 hours across all of Tutoring Plus' programs. Many tutors will keep in touch with their students over the summer, and more than 50% of tutors will return next year to tutor again.

Tutoring Plus strives every day to show its volunteers they truly appreciate the incredible support and knowledge they give to each child. If you would like to get involved, please send an email to info@tutoringplus.org, call us at 617-349-6588x421 or visit online at www.tutoringplus.org.

Photo: L to R: Louis Menand, Lisa McNamara, Kay Menand.