

## **Tutoring Plus Honors Lesley University**

-October 29, 2009

Tutoring Plus of Cambridge, Inc. held their fifth annual fundraising event at the Broad Institute in Kendall Square. WBUR's Robin Young served as emcee for the evening as guests heard about the positive impact of Tutoring Plus from student, volunteer, corporate partner, staff and this year's honoree. The event is an opportunity each year for Tutoring Plus and the community to recognize the importance of contributions from valuable partners, including this year's Children's Champion honoree, Lesley University.

Lesley University's commitment to the strengthening of education programming at Tutoring Plus has been a valuable asset over many years. Lesley University has provided qualified personnel for direct service, programmatic support including a unique workshop for young women, as well as generous financial support. The workshop "Girls, Media, and You" is designed specifically for middle school girls and run by Lesley undergraduate women enrolled in a course. The workshop series focuses on self-image, media portrayal of women, and what it means to be a young woman in today's society and is getting ready to begin its fourth year.

Event benefactor Novartis' own Jeff Lockwood spoke about the importance of encouraging inspiration, learning and imagination in today's youth. Generous financial support was provided by Ambit Press, Bank of America, Broad Institute, Lesley University, Harvard University, one[visual] mind, W.R. Grace Foundation, Inc., Cambridge Trust Company, Citi, Draper Laboratory, Lesley University, Anonymous, Kenneth and Jodi Bring, East Cambridge Savings Bank, David and Fay Hannon, The Coop, MIT and Stephen and Darlene Sallan.

Tutoring Plus of Cambridge has been serving Cambridge youth free of charge for over 45 years. Tutoring Plus recruits volunteer tutors to spend one-hour per week with a student over the semester or school year or, in some cases, over many years to assist on homework, study skills, test prep, science enrichment or college applications. Tutoring Plus relies on grants, event sponsorship and private donations. If you'd like to give to Tutoring Plus or would like to learn more, please visit [www.tutoringplus.org](http://www.tutoringplus.org).