



# MESSAGE FROM CEO

Dear Avondale House Community,

As we reflect on the incredible successes made in the Avondale House 2023 – 2024 fiscal year, I am filled with deep gratitude for the generosity and amazing support from our community. At Avondale House, our mission is to help individuals with profound autism live more meaningful and independent lives, and the strides we've made together in 2023-2024 are nothing short of remarkable.

In our day school, we celebrated growth in enrollment and witnessed inspiring milestones, including one of our students achieving the dream of graduation. This accomplishment stands as a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff, the resilience of our students, and the devoted support of their families. It is moments like these that remind us of the extraordinary possibilities that emerge when the right support system is in place. Our adult day program has seen outstanding growth, allowing us to expand our services and provide daily structured and educational activities for more adults with autism. This progress reflects our commitment to addressing the critical need for comprehensive care and enrichment for our adult participants, helping them thrive and achieve their fullest potential.

Community involvement has played a pivotal role in our success this year. We've seen a significant increase in corporate volunteers, eager to give their time and resources to enhance the experiences we provide. Their enthusiasm and dedication have left a lasting impact on our programs and the individuals we serve. Additionally, thanks to the overwhelming support of our donors and partners, we raised the highest fundraising revenue in Avondale House history. This extraordinary achievement empowers us to grow our programs and strengthen our outreach, ensuring that we can serve even more families in the future.

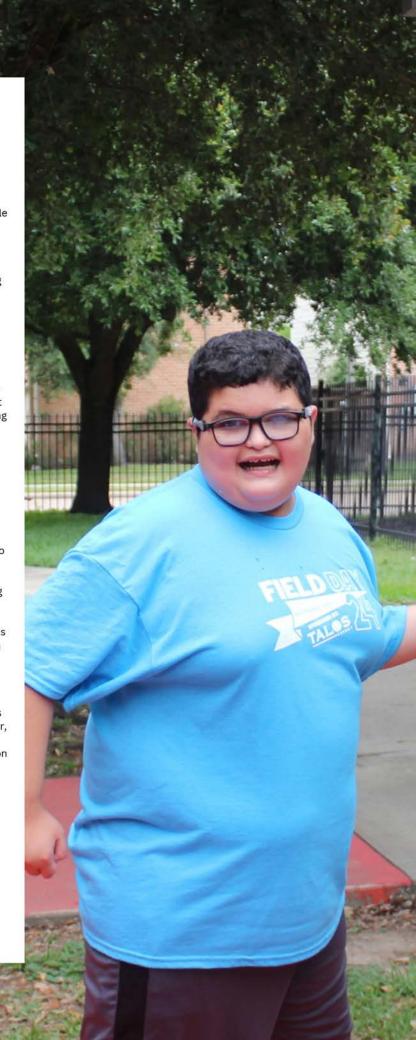
Our commitment to serving the autism community remains steadfast, and the work we do would not be possible without your support. Together, we have made meaningful differences in the lives of those we serve. As we look forward to a new year, I am confident that we will keep building on this momentum, meeting the evolving needs of our community with compassion and excellence.

Thank you for believing in our mission.

With heartfelt appreciation,



Steve Vetrano
Chief Executive Officer



## Who We Are

Avondale House is the only agency in greater Houston that serves individuals living with moderate to severe autism from the age of 5 to throughout their lifetime. We do this through a variety of services, including a private, year-round day school, adult day program, residential program and employment services.

#### MISSION

To provide individuals with moderate to severe autism the resources, education and training to develop to their fullest potential.



#### VISION

To be the recognized leader in the delivery of services to individuals with autism and their families, by offering a full array of the highest quality and most innovative services.

#### **CORE VALUES**

Commitment

**A**chievement

Respect

Integrity

**N**urturing

Growth

## What We Do

#### THE SCHOOL

Accredited by the Texas Alliance of Accredited Private Schools, the Avondale House school offers a private, year-round program for students ages 5 to 21. Certified teachers, licensed specialists, well-trained paraprofessionals, a low teacher-to-student ratio, and state-of-the-art classrooms enable Avondale House to tailor its educational program according to each student's education and behavior plan.





#### **ADULT DAY PROGRAM**

Unfortunately, many individuals with autism face the challenge of losing critical support when they graduate from or age out of school-based autism services. Recognizing the pressing need to ensure that no adult with autism is left behind, Avondale House steps in to bridge this critical gap through its adult day program, providing an invaluable lifeline for individuals aged 22 and above. At the adult day program, we empower adults with autism by imparting vital life skills, enrichment opportunities, and prevocational training, all tailored to each participant's unique individualized service plan.

#### RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

Avondale House group residential services provide a supportive, long-term solution for adults with autism that are unable to reside independently or live with family due to the severity of their condition. Avondale House is home to many residents who enjoy family-style living and activities. Individuals participate in weekend and evening recreation and receive training in everyday household tasks such as laundry, cooking, and housekeeping, as well as 24/7 support from dedicated staff with their medical needs and daily hygiene.





#### EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Avondale House partners with the Texas Workforce Commission to assist individuals ages 18 and up with a primary diagnosis of autism to find and maintain competitive, integrated employment through job skills training, job placement and supported employment services.

# One Year of Impact



157%

increase in day school enrollment



44

participants enrolled in the adult day program with increased capacity for growth



5

new established relationships with community partners



4th

residential home acquired that will soon offer safe housing for 6 additional adult participants



75

hours of job skills training provided, securing job placement for 4 individuals



881

volunteer hours completed



# Developing to Their Fullest Potential



"After coming to Avondale House, Abigail is speaking more, learning more, she's more outgoing. She's done a complete 180. She is thriving, she wants to come to school. She wouldn't be able to have all of the progress without Avondale House. She's a butterfly. She's coming out of her shell!"

-Victoria and Maurice, Abigail's Parents



"Avondale House means everything to us. The school and adult day program have been one of the biggest blessings. The staff are so kind and dedicated, always wanting what's best for the children and clients. We seriously would not know what to do without Avondale House and its incredible team. We are thankful every day that AH was placed in our lives."

-Lisa and Terry, Joel's Parents



"We are immensely grateful for the progress George has made at Avondale House and are excited to see the improvements he will make in 2025. We are certain his progress will continue because every employee is dedicated to working with each person on achieving individualized goals. Avondale House has been an enormous blessing to George and our entire family."

-Ginnie, George's Mom



"Mikey is excited to come to Avondale House every day and we are happy to know that he is in an environment that is structured and provides support and encourages him in his development. He is more independent at home and tries to help with activities around the house. We have a lot of confidence in Avondale, and we believe that they are looking out for him. Whenever anyone asks us about where he is, we're excited to tell him that he is at Avondale House."

-Lisa and Michael, Michael's Parents

## Special Events

Avondale House had another amazing year of fundraising events, breaking all-time revenue records in each. Funds raised directly impact our four program areas, ensuring that we can continue to expand our reach and serve more individuals with moderate to severe autism.

## 4th Annual Bingo Bash

32.8% Revenue Increase



### Chaired by: Tracy and Phil Jones

Nearly 300 guests gathered and dressed in their unique table attire to support the Avondale House mission and enjoy a fabulous evening of Bingo. Attendees took home amazing silent and live auction items, participated in a raffle and wine pull, and won exciting door prizes throughout the night. The event raised over **\$170,000** towards the expansion of our services, further allowing us to provide individuals with autism the resources, education and training to develop to their fullest potential.

# Special Events

## 3rd Annual Embracing Autism Evening, Hear Our Voices

#### 38% Revenue Increase

Chaired by: Ashley and Christian Nelly and Emily and Allen Capps

The 3rd Annual Embracing Autism Evening Event, honoring Cadence Bank, raised an astounding \$345,000! Attendees enjoyed an unforgettable special performance from Nashville's #1 Hit Singer-Songwriters, Phillip White, Mark Nesler, Leslie Satcher and Jenn Schott, and a phenomenal opening performance from Luke Morace. Lucky guests took home a stunning pair of Amethyst Wing Earrings donated by Sannam W Jewelry, "Western Wonders" paintings created by our adult participants Ian and BJ, a one-of-a-kind guitar signed by many country music legends paired with original, handwritten lyrics from Rascal Flatts smash hit "I'm Moving On" written by Phillip White and D. Vincent Williams, and two adorable white Iab puppies from Dog Lab TX.













## **Board of Directors**

The following individuals served as members of Avondale House's Board of Directors for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2024.



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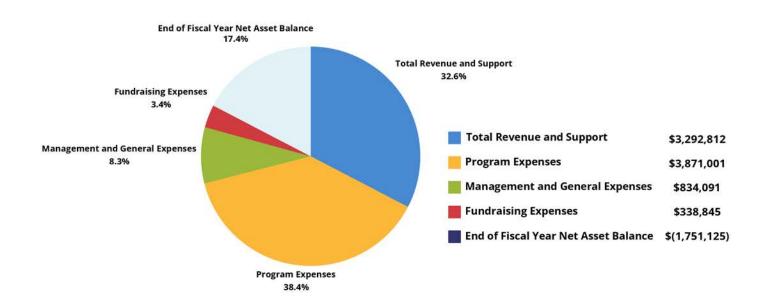


**Steve Vetrano** *Chief Executive Officer*Avondale House



# Income and Expenses Report

Condensed Financials	FY23-24	FY22-23
Revenue		
Program Service Fees	\$2,317,624	\$4,207,088
United Way Contribution	\$100,000	\$100,000
Other Contributions	\$484,100	\$622,096
Special Events, net	\$340,516	\$225,459
Interest Income	\$50,572	\$40,438
Total Revenue	\$3,292,812	\$5,195,081
Expenses		
Program Services	\$3,871,001	\$5,077,837
Management and General	\$834,091	\$879,237
Fundraising	\$338,845	\$322,321
Total Expenses	\$5,043,937	\$6,279,395
Net Assets		
Change in net assets	\$(1,751,125)	\$(1,084,314)
Net assets, beginning of FY	\$8,443,673	\$9,527,987
Net assets, end of FY	\$6,692,548	\$8,443,673





## Thank You To Our Partners





































































































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Donations made July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

### \$50,000+

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\$25,000+

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#### \$10,000 - \$24,999

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#### Donations made July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

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#### \$500 - \$999

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