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Avondale House Partners with Robots4Autism to Welcome Milo the Robot to the Day School Staff.

Humanoid robot delivers a transformative curriculum to develop and improve social skills.

(HOUSTON, TEXAS, July 17, 2020)--[Avondale House](#) is pleased to announce the partnership with [Robots4Autism](#) to welcome Milo the robot to the day school staff.

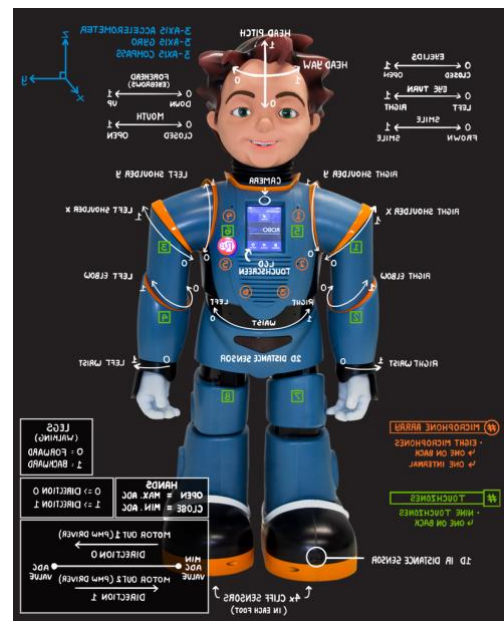
This new robotic technology offers promising advancements for students on the autism spectrum. Milo—a humanoid robot --delivers a transformative curriculum based on evidence-based practices to develop and improve social skills. Milo works one-on-one with students to accomplish their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) goals.

This new technology gives Avondale House teachers and paraprofessionals tools to help develop student capacity for social-emotional growth, excel in their curriculum, reduce harmful behaviors, and promote healthy interactions. Milo will be deployed alongside Avondale House educators three times a week.

“We are thrilled to welcome Milo,” said Steve Vetrano, CEO of Avondale House. “Milo can smile, laugh, walk, and speak. Most amazing of all, he’s really good at helping our students develop and practice critical social skills.”

The innovative new curriculum is designed to promote self-regulation by participating students and improvement in student social interactions, thus resulting in immediate academic gains. In addition to improving functional communication and social skills, the day school administration anticipates this transformative resource will enhance opportunities for independent functioning in Avondale House classroom settings.

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About Avondale House:

Avondale House provides vital programs and services that support individuals (and their families) with autism. Services include day schooling for students ages 3-21, long-term residential services, supported employment opportunities and adult day programming. Avondale House is a 501.3c not-for-profit organization that depends on community partnerships, volunteers, and the generosity of donors to perform its mission. For more information please visit avondalehouse.org or follow us [@avondalehouse](https://twitter.com/avondalehouse) on Twitter.



CEO, Steve Vetrano



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About Robots4Autism:

Robots4Autism integrates a variety of evidence-based practices shown to improve social skills in students with autism (tools most of us are already using), packaged together in a highly systematic way, and delivered using Milo. Partnering a humanoid robot with a social and emotional curriculum provides a tool for evidence-based practices to “unpack” social skills for students with autism. For more information visit robots4autism.com.

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