

AROUND THE HOUSE

Avondale House eNewsletter



Mark Your Calendar

December 21- January 1: Day School Closed
December 24-25: Administrative offices closed
December 31-January 1: Administrative offices closed
January 16: Team Avondale House Houston Marathon Group Run

Making Dreams Come True!

Avondale House puts your donations to good work! Just consider the story of Alex who came to Avondale House in July 2020 seeking assistance in finding a job.

Alex completed an internship in college but possessed very little work history. Alex received job skills training that included resume revision, mock interview sessions, and job search training. After completion of Alex's job skills training, he utilized those tools learned and immediately began to receive several job interviews. We are proud to announce that in November, Alex accepted a position with the gift store *Things Remembered* as a floor associate and engraver. We are proud of Alex as we continue to work with him in reaching his long-term dream of working for the Houston Space Center.



Make a donation today to support Avondale's wonderful programs to help make dreams come true!

This year, your gift will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$65,000, thanks to the generosity of several donors.

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Avondale House welcomes H-E-B as its first Corporate Hero

Avondale House school students will benefit greatly from this generous annual sponsorship through H-E-B Helping Here, which this year will provide 25 new Ipad's for our school students.

Vicki Luna, HEB Public Affairs Specialist said, "During these challenging times, H-E-B recognizes the need for more digital devices for online learning. We are happy to support Avondale House with 25 new iPads to assist in making learning more accessible and to continue to provide educational and training services for their clients. H-E-B remains committed to helping bridge the digital divide."



Avondale House Corporate Heroes are corporate community leaders who help us provide essential programs, services, and resources to individuals living with moderate to severe autism and the families that love them. By providing a year-long sponsorship, our Corporate Heroes ensure the continuation of our existing programs and helps pursue our vision to answer the call of those families who need the resources and services that no one else in greater Houston provides.

For information on becoming an Avondale House Corporate Hero, please contact [Michele Wiseley](#).



Helping Here[®]

First-Ever Annual Report

We are so excited to share with you our first-ever annual report. This report is a look back on our work in the 2019-2020 fiscal year. While many may not care to reflect on 2020 at all, we hope that this report will serve as a reminder that there were so many great things that occurred in the year despite the nation-wide fight against the Covid-19 virus.

In this report, you will see information on statistics that drive our work, accomplishments that were achieved throughout the year, and recognition of the many individuals who helped make our work possible. Check it out!

[Annual Report](#)



Team Member of the Month

Maizie Arnold is Avondale's Team Member of the Month! Maizie is an excellent team player and always acts in the best interest of our clients. She even moved from one house to another during the pandemic with no complaints and kept a positive attitude throughout. She is always very kind and respectful to the clients that she serves. She has a great sense of humor and has worked to ensure the clients are happy during this pandemic. We are lucky to have her on our team.

Volunteer Opportunity

Holiday Break Classroom Clean-up

Avondale House needs help disinfecting and organizing our adult day habilitation classrooms over the holiday break! Avondale House adults and staff have not been in the classrooms since March, so we need volunteers who are willing to clean and sanitize the classroom furniture and objects to freshen them up! Additionally and with the guidance of the Day-Hab coordinator, we need help organizing and cleaning out over-used or outdated classroom contents and materials.



Depending on comfort levels, each classroom can have 2-3 people working per room with masks and social distancing implemented. If a family or close group wishes to work together in a room, more individuals per room will be allowed.

Please contact [Katie Bruchmiller](#) with your availability and to schedule a shift between December 28 - December 31.

Recent Donors

Avondale House wishes to thank and acknowledge these recent donors:

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