



# AROUND THE HOUSE

Avondale House eNewsletter



## Mark Your Calendar

- January 18: "We Are Houston" 5k Race
- January 19: Chevron Houston Marathon and Aramco Houston Half-Marathon
- January 26: Team AH Marathon Celebration
- February 14: Valentine's Day
- March 16-20: Spring Break, Day School Holiday
- April 8: Embracing Autism Luncheon

## The Principal's Corner

Happy New Year from the students and staff of Avondale House Day School! We celebrate the opportunity we have each day to work with our students to help them reach their full potential. We're all excited that school is back in session after the well-deserved holiday break.

Ten wonderful students from Episcopal High School are currently volunteering at Avondale House for EHS Senior Outreach. The students have done a great job working with all the classrooms. They have created some wonderful projects and have assisted the teachers in delivering instruction to Avondale House students. We are very thankful to the Administration at Episcopal High school for allowing these students to spend this time at Avondale House and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.



We are growing! Two new school districts have partnered with us in the last month, allowing us to serve additional students and their families. In addition, we look forward to transitioning some students back to their home school. These students have made tremendous progress and we are very proud that they are now ready to integrate back to their home school. We wish these students continued success at their new schools.

Testing season is almost here and we are working with all the school districts to get ready for the STAAR assessment. Training is being held and materials will start arriving shortly for the assessments to start.

We are looking forward to a very successful 2020.

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## 2020 Annual Embracing Autism Luncheon - Solving the Puzzle



We are so excited to announce our speaker, Dr. Huda Zoghbi, a professor in the Departments of Pediatrics, Molecular and Human Genetics, Neurology and Neuroscience at Baylor College of Medicine, an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and the director of the Jan and Dan Duncan Neurological Research Institute (NRI) at Texas Children's Hospital.

Please follow the links to learn more about the [Huda Zoghbi Lab](#) and to watch a [profile](#) of Dr. Zoghbi by the The Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas.

A promotional poster for the 'Solving the Puzzle' luncheon. The background is dark blue with a pattern of puzzle pieces and a network of white lines. The text is white and reads: 'SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL EMBRACING AUTISM LUNCHEON APRIL 8, 2020'. Below this, it says 'SOLVING THE PUZZLE BAYOU CITY EVENT CENTER REGISTRATION 11:30AM PROGRAM 12:00PM-1:00PM'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'ah AVONDALE HOUSE' and 'United Way' with the tagline 'United Way of Greater Houston'. The website 'AVONDALEHOUSE.ORG' is listed at the very bottom.

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## There is Still Time to Support Team Avondale House

The Chevron Houston Marathon is on Sunday but you can still help support Team Avondale House runners!

[Click here to support to your favorite runner!](#)

**Avondale House Hoopla Station:** Avondale House Hoopla Station will be at Mile 6 on Marathon Sunday - just like last year - at Kirby Drive and Westpark Drive, in front of Goode Co. Taqueria. Supporters are welcome to join us from 6:00AM - 9:00AM on Sunday as we cheer on our Team AH Marathon and Half-Marathon runners!

Run For a Reason Team AH Celebration: Join us at [The 401](#) for a post-Marathon celebration for our RFAR Team AH 5k, Half-Marathon, and Marathon runners on Sunday, January 26 from 3:00- 5:00 pm. Help us thank them for running on behalf of Avondale House and congratulate them for their hard work!



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## Have You Considered Planned Giving?

Leave a legacy of support for individuals with autism. Have you listed Avondale House as a beneficiary in your estate or will? Not only is planning your estate an important way to provide for your loved ones, it is also a great way to ensure individuals with autism have access to high-impact programming and a safe place to learn.

If you are interested in naming Avondale House as a beneficiary, contact Michele Wiseley, Development Director, at [mwiseley@avondalehouse.org](mailto:mwiseley@avondalehouse.org).

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## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities for 2020



Volunteers provide a tremendous amount of value to Avondale House. We depend on volunteers year-round in a variety of ways. Please see below for some of our volunteer opportunities:

**Classroom Helper** – Assist a classroom with various classroom activities. Will require ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) training, which Avondale House will provide.

**Lunchtime Receptionist** - Avondale House needs a volunteer to cover the receptionist desk from 12:00 - 1:00 pm Monday - Friday. Opportunity will require training by our receptionist and a 3-month minimum commitment.

**Photographer** – We need an experienced photographer to take high quality photos of our programs. This may include classroom photos,

residential photos, Adult Day Program outings, and school events.

**Videographer** – We need an experienced videographer who can capture our students and clients day-to-day in the classroom, on field trips, or in our residences - as well as edit and produce the videos.

Please contact Katie at [katieb@avondalehouse.org](mailto:katieb@avondalehouse.org) for a full list of opportunities if you or your organization would like to get involved.

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## Meet Reggie Williams!

Reggie Williams is our team member of the month for January!

Reggie has been with Avondale House for 9 years and is the Day School Recreation Coordinator.

Though Reggie is responsible for all things recreational and active play, he is always lending a hand in the school, whether it to be to assist with school events, help out in a classroom, or volunteer for extra responsibilities. We truly appreciate all he does.

Congratulations Reggie and thank you for all of your hard work!



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