



AROUND THE HOUSE

Avondale House eNewsletter



Mark Your Calendar

- **June 4-August 8:** Extended School Year, 8:15-3:15 M-F
- **July 4:** Avondale House Closed
- **July 17:** Early dismissal



Avondale House Chosen as NASSET School of Excellence

National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASSET) recognizes Avondale

House as having met the standards to be selected as 2019-2020 NASSET School of Excellence. This distinction has been bestowed upon select qualified licensed private special education schools.

Selection as a NASSET School of Excellence is the highest level of recognition a private special education school can achieve through the professional association. This honor is presented to private special education schools that meet rigorous professional criteria and have demonstrated truly exceptional dedication, commitment and achievement in the field of special education.

Save the Date for a Bingo Fundraiser: October 17, 2019

Mark your calendar for our next big fundraiser! Help make a difference in the lives of those living with autism by simply playing Bingo. The evening will be filled with fun and games, but most importantly, you will be raising critical funds to support Avondale's school, residential program, and adult day program. See below for details and reach out to [Sarah Beasley](#) if you have any questions.

When: Thursday Evening October 17, 2019

Where: Junior League of Houston
1811 Briar Oaks Ln, Houston, TX 77027

[Click here to reserve your table>>](#)

Save the Date

Avondale House Presents

BINGO

2	35	44	53	62
15	10	17	19	74
7	22	★	52	69
3	29	38	58	63
12	21	37	59	72

*A benefit event the evening of
Thursday, October 17th
Junior League of Houston*



Three New Classrooms Are Near Completion

We are so excited to share that our new classrooms are almost finished and will be ready for the 2019-2020 school year.

The new classrooms will help address the increasing need in the Houston community for autism-specific educational services and allow us to reach our goal of accommodating 100 students by the end of the 2019-2020 school year.



Our growth will come from two principle areas: the establishment of a pre-K program and the placement of additional students in our day school. We expect to have the pre-K program operational in August 2019 with 3-5 year old students.

Contact [Paul Kandola](#) with questions about enrollment.

Stop by and we will show you around the new rooms!

Join Team Avondale House for the 2020 Chevron Houston Marathon

Make your miles matter by joining Team Avondale House. There are many ways to get involved. Follow the link below to check out the options and select the one that's best for you!



[Click here to join!](#)

Perks of Joining Team Avondale House

- Avondale House covers race registration fee for Chevron Marathon, Aramco Half Marathon, and 5k runners
- The top fundraiser* for Team Avondale House will win a two-night stay at the Hilton before the big race! The marathon will be just steps from your hotel room
- Fundraisers who raise at least \$1,000 will be invited as our special guests to the 2020 Challenging Autism Luncheon
- Get your own fan squad on the race course at the Avondale House Hoopla Station
- Avondale House swag to rep that you run for autism
- Deluxe singlet for race day
- HERO and Fundraising for Registration entries receive a tech cap, access to private bathrooms pre-race and mini massages in Discovery Green after the race

*Top fundraiser from the full or half marathon must raise over \$2,000. The winner will be determined based on funds raised by January 10, 2020.

Meet Theresa Turkson

Theresa Turkson is Avondale's Team Member of the Month! She has been with Avondale for six years and is a valuable member of the residential team.

Theresa is a fun-loving, caring, and kind person. She is an exceptionally hardworking, efficient, and dedicated employee and she always exceeds what is asked of her. Her calm, patient manner has been a great asset in teaching our clients the skills they need to be independent.

Away from work, she enjoys cooking, sewing and spending time with her family. Karen and the team can't thank her enough for all the contributions she has made in making our residential program successful.

Congrats, Theresa!



Thank you BHP Biliton

A huge thank you to BHP Biliton and United Way! They came out on a hot June day to trim trees, plant flowers, power wash our sidewalks, and organize the art room. We appreciate all their hard work and dedication to getting the job done.

If you or your group would like to volunteer your time to sprucing up our campus or residential homes, please contact [Katie Bruchmiller](#).



Friends of Avondale House Shoe Drive

Thank you to the Friends of Avondale House for a successful shoe drive. The shoe drive raised over \$1,000! Special thanks to everyone who donated their shoes and their time to make this such a success.

The Friends of Avondale House continue to commit their resources and time to further the mission of Avondale House. Member dues are used to fund school parties, and to purchase supplies and/or equipment for the agency. Members can participate, if they wish, as volunteers in the planning and implementation of fundraisers, field trips and direct-service opportunities with the students.

[Click here to join The Friends of Avondale House>>>](#)

Recent Donors

Avondale House wishes to thank and acknowledge these recent donors:

Ms. Jennifer Cannon · Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Gershenson · Ms. June Harris
Ms. Patti Kelly · Chanda King · Mr. Valentin Paz-Andrade
Raising Canes #153 · April Spotsville

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