

# FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE SAID, "I LOVE YOU, MOM!"

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### DAVID VALENTI

David Valenti is the father of a child on the Autism Spectrum. When remote learning wasn't working for his son, he sought out MOVIA Robotics for help.

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## takeaways

- Jaxson's engagement returned with the HomePal robot
- Jaxson was able to learn concepts he'd struggled to understand with traditional teaching methods

### ABOUT DAVID VALENTI

David is the father of two children, one of whom has been diagnosed as being on the Autism Spectrum. David met MOVIA at a local Autism Resources Fair at the start of the pandemic when schools had just shut down. He was looking for ways to help his son find an engaging way to learn during the pandemic.

### THE CHALLENGE

Like so many other children with special needs, remote learning was not working for David's son, Jaxson. He had a difficult time paying attention during online meetings and was not getting his traditional ABA therapy delivered in his home. David saw the regression in his son immediately and reached out to MOVIA for help.

### HOW MOVIA HELPED

David was able to get a HomePal system into his house almost immediately after speaking with MOVIA. Within a very short time, David saw the bond growing between Jaxson and Pete (the name Jaxson gave the robot). David was able to program multiple sessions for Jaxson each day with Pete to augment the virtual instruction Jaxson was getting through his school.

As Pete and Jaxson's time grew more and more, David began to notice the engagement returning to Jaxson as he wanted to interact with Pete. David was able to practice social skills and academics with Jaxson via Pete, and Jaxson was willingly participating in the activities. Over time, this participation led to Jaxson learning coins and their values, which he had had a difficult time doing in school, both in-person and remotely. Lastly, David credits working with Pete for Jaxson saying something he had never said before: "I love you, Mom!" David feels that his time with and investment into Pete really turned around the path Jaxson was headed on and helped him both slow his regression and start to maintain academic and social skills again.

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