

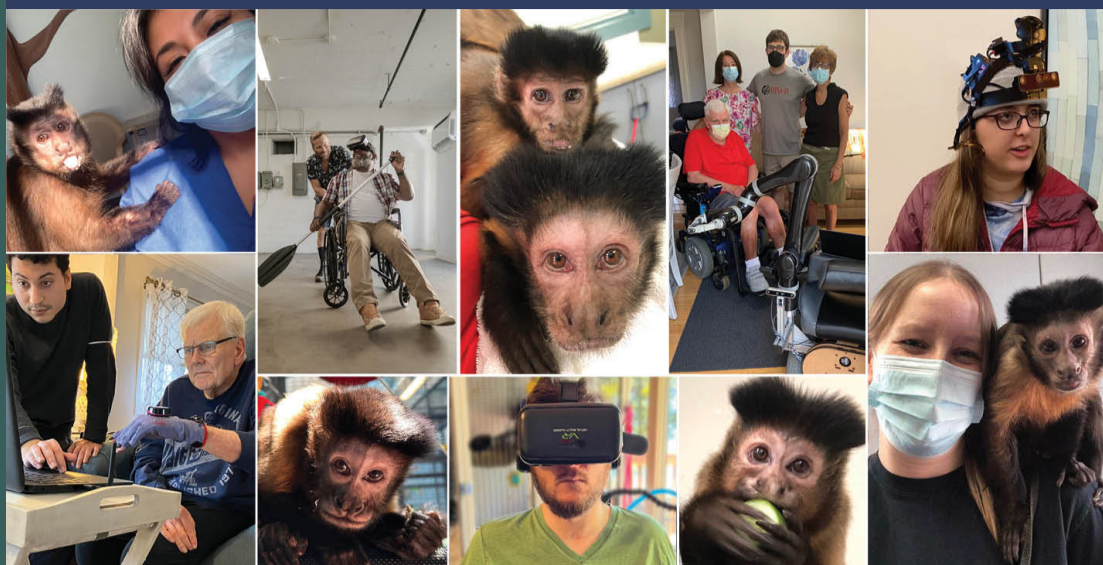


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Innovative Solutions
for People Living With
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Greetings from the Executive Director

I had the experience of a lifetime at CES (Consumer Electronics Show) in Las Vegas January 9-12. As the representative for Envisioning Access, I was so honored to be invited by the Consumer Technology Association Foundation (CTA), the nonprofit arm of CTA that hosts CES every year. The CTA Foundation's mission is to link seniors and persons with disabilities with technology. We certainly fit into that mission with our work.



CES is the largest consumer electronics show in the world. If there is a new technology on the horizon, it is often making a debut at CES. I witnessed some of the most amazing current technology as well as future technology for commerce, food, the automobile industry, along with the latest in robotics and augmented/virtual reality. AI was the true star of CES – it permeated every type of technology. There was even an AI booth to tell one's fortune. I did not indulge!

In between all the amazing robots, meeting brilliant scientists, and listening to awe-inspiring speakers, I was most excited about the large number of companies devoted to providing opportunities for people with disabilities, keeping older adults healthy, and the very aged in their homes.

By the end of the week, I left with great hope for the future. I learned that in the past at CES a great deal of the floor was devoted to the auto industry's latest inventions. Of course, there was some of that, and the cars were very "cool" indeed. However, much more space was given to accessibility for everyone from children to the most mature adult.

In chatting with many folks (there were about 135,000 people attending) I was also pleased to hear how excited people were about the work of Envisioning Access. We are on the right path working with those living with physical disabilities to inform technology start-ups and universities who are developing innovative solutions to get folks back to meaningful employment, school, and out of isolation.

All of us know that none of this work can be done without your ongoing support. So, a huge thank you to all of you. Together we can certainly build innovative tech for the future.

I hope you enjoy the articles below regarding some of what I saw at CES. It will give you an idea of the scope of what may be in all our futures.

Technology Corner: Robotics at CES

The CES robots that will be doing your chores in the future

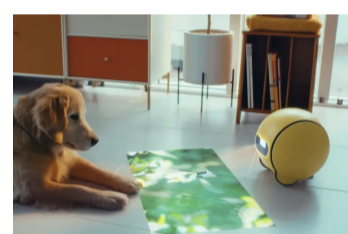


It's only natural for humans to want to automate their chores. The only thing more expected is a fascination with robots at CES, the largest tech conference in the world, hosted in Las Vegas earlier this month.

BestReviews has been covering the phenomenon of making robots do your chores as long as we've been a company, starting some of our earliest in-depth testing projects on the robotic vacuum.

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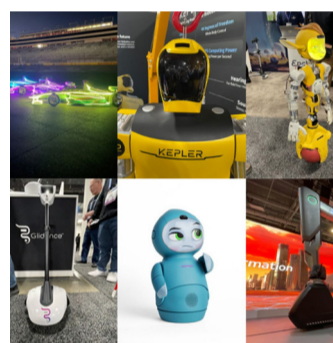
At CES, everything was AI, even when it wasn't



It may be the year of AI at CES, but many of these "AI" features have been around for a while – it's just that companies are only now embracing the branding of artificial intelligence. AI has entered the public consciousness: it's cool and hip to place it front and center in a product, a sign that companies are ambitious and forward thinking.

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Top 10 robots seen at CES 2024



CES 2024 featured a wide range of emerging technologies, from fitness devices and videogames to autonomous vehicles. But robots always have a significant presence in the sprawling exhibit halls.

The Robot Report visited numerous booths in the Eureka Park section of CES, as well as in the other focused sections of the event.

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Pilot Project Updates!

We are so excited to share these updates on our Pilot Projects. In case you missed our stories on social media, please enjoy getting to know Dani and George.

Dani and the VISORS project

On September 26, 2015, just two weeks into her junior year of high school, 16-year-old Dani suffered a severe traumatic brain injury due to a car accident. A driver ran the stop sign, crossed the street, and hit the car that Dani was riding in head-on.

Dani spent the next six weeks in a coma and entered a vegetative state for another six weeks. Doctors did not have much hope that she would recover. Thankfully, Dani slowly emerged from her vegetative state. However, she was blind, paralyzed on the left side of her body, and had no memory of who she or anybody else was. In the rehab unit at the hospital, the doctor told us that Dani was one of only two kids that they had ever seen with such a severe brain injury that made a functional recovery.

Now 24, Dani continues to acquire new skills and is excited about being a part of the VISORS Pilot Project at Envisioning Access.



MEET DANI



George and Cognimate

George, a 72-year-old living with MS, is excited to be a part of the Envisioning Access and Cognimate (formerly SensoRehab) Pilot Project.

I volunteered because I'm very curious about what people are trying to do to help people who have the problems I do or other types of neurological diseases. When Envisioning Access first introduced me to Cognimate and their rehab glove, I was a bit intimidated. I've never tried anything like that before. I've never really played video games, but the glove is fun. To play, I have to use my hands and arms – similar to what my PT and OT want me to do with my exercises. The glove is also taking measurements of my finger,

hand, and arm movements to track my progress.

I'm excited to work on this project and I feel great that I can help set the stage for other people like me. I'm thrilled that I can assist future generations – the people who are diagnosed with MS tomorrow, or next week, or next year.

MEET GEORGE

Birthday Round-up at the Monkey Living Center!

Happy Birthday to all our monkeys born in January: Jerri, Buttons, and Vicki!

Our monkeys love to open presents for their birthday. Send them something from our Amazon Wish List to celebrate their birthday!



Jerri



Buttons



Vicki

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