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**AVERGAN FOUNDATION “HUSH HUSH SPEAKEASY” FUNDRAISER
CRUSH KITCHEN & WINE HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, THURSDAY APRIL 3**

*“The Great Gatsby” Inspired Event to Raise Scholarship Funds
for Families Affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders*

(ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 19, 2014) –The **Avergan Foundation** has announced their Hush Hush Speakeasy fundraiser event at Crush Kitchen and Wine House in Annapolis from 7-10 p.m. on Thursday April 3rd. This is the second fundraising event for the charity, continuing their mission initiative in providing scholarships for early education services to children on the autism spectrum.

As parents to twins, one of whom is on the autism spectrum, Avergan founders and Anne Arundel County residents; Allison and Tom Barnhill were inspired to act in launching the charity last year. “While our launch event was an overwhelmingly successful auction based fundraiser, we wanted our speakeasy event to give-back in celebration and gratitude for the support we’ve received for the foundation. We are hoping to meet our \$5K fundraising goals solely on tickets sales based on the extravaganza of 1920s entertainment we’ve organized for our guests enjoyment.” Allison says.

Crush will be transformed into a glittering and glamorous secret club, inspired by F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic “The Great Gatsby”. Guest are strongly encouraged to wear 1920s attire, such as, flapper dresses and fedoras. One hundred percent of ticket proceeds will go to the foundation’s scholarships, and generously include: one free cocktail, a spread of delectable hors d’oeuvres, and a variety of entertainment including: live music and DJ, lessons on basic Swing or Charleston dance steps, a vaudeville-inspired hoop performance, a 1920s inspired photo booth, and chances to win cash!

Title sponsor, Friends Foundation have generously donated to **Avergan**, along with event sponsors: Crush Kitchen & Winehouse, Charlotte Jarrett Events, Mixing Maryland, Booth Love, Travis Curry Photography, Intrigue Design and Decor, Party Plus Baltimore, 2Hands Studios, Spinnabel Lee Entertainment LLC, and many other businesses and organizations within the community, to ensure this second fundraising event is a success for the foundation and guests alike.

Tickets prices are \$40 at the door, or can be purchased ahead for a price of \$35, here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/avergan-foundation-hush-hush-speakeasy-tickets-10796810551>

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ABOUT AVERGAN FOUNDATION

Avergan Foundation Scholarships

All proceeds for the **Avergan Foundation** will be used toward scholarships for children on the autism spectrum who attend the [Cisco Center](#) in Severna Park, a non-profit educational center serving children and families with special needs. The Cisco Center specializes in developmental programs for children with Autism, Communication Disorders/Delays, Sensory Processing Disorders, Social/Emotional Delays, Oral Motor Disorders, Down's Syndrome, Behavioral Disorders and Attention Deficit Disorders. The Cisco Center's Special Needs Intervention Program focuses on developing a child's individual needs in the areas of early childhood academic and readiness levels, speech and language therapy, oral motor skills, eating and feeding skills, socialization skills, and fine and gross motor skills. Cisco Center serves about 100 families a year, but there are never more than 10 to 15 children at the center at one time.

Founded in October of 2013, **Avergan Foundation** is registered with the IRS and State of Maryland as a Non-Profit LLC, and has filed for 501(c)3 status which is currently pending. Donations may be tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Avergan Foundation, Tax ID # 46-3911814.

To learn more, visit, www.averganfoundation.org, email Allison Barnhill at hello@averganfoundation.org, or call 443.758.8938. For continued support, become a fan of the **Avergan Foundation** on Facebook, here: www.facebook.com/averganfoundation.

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