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**AVERGAN FOUNDATION INITIATIVE OFFERS HOPE
TO ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FAMILIES
AFFECTED BY AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS**

**December 12th AVERGAN FOUNDATION Official Launch Party to Raise Funds for
Cisco Center Scholarship Programs for Children with Developmental Disabilities**

(ANNAPOLIS, Md., November 4, 2013) –The **Avergan Foundation** has announced their party to officially launch the foundation’s mission initiative in promoting awareness and acceptance for autism spectrum disorders, and to offer hope to affected families by providing scholarships for private special needs educational services.

The foundation was developed by Anne Arundel County residents, Allison and Tom Barnhill, who were inspired to act. “As parents with a child diagnosed with an ASD, we know how important early detection and intervention are to the success of a child with autism. We also know the financial and emotional burdens are overwhelming.”

Avergan Foundation Launch Party

The **Avergan Foundation** launch party will be an evening of celebration and fundraising held at the [Metropolitan Kitchen & Lounge](#) from 7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. on **Thursday, December 12, 2013**. Attendees will enjoy food provided by Metropolitan, music by Mixing Maryland, and a silent auction featuring items donated from area businesses. The highlight of the evening will be the premiere of a documentary short, by [Clickspark](#), sharing the Barnhill family’s personal story, and showing the positive impact the **Avergan Foundation** can have on children and families affected by autism spectrum disorders. All proceeds from the event directly benefit the **Avergan Foundation** in providing scholarship programs for children with developmental disabilities. To purchase tickets to the event, please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/event/9058625593>

For more information regarding the event, individual donations or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Allison Barnhill by email at averganfoundation@gmail.com or call her directly at 443.758.8938.

Avergan Foundation Scholarships for Cisco Center “Special Needs Intervention” Program

All proceeds for the **Avergan Foundation** will be used toward scholarships for 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.

“While Cisco Center programs are amazing, these types of services do come at a cost, and some families simply cannot afford to send their child to the center, as much as they would like to, or even at all. Our goal for the **Avergan Foundation** is to alleviate the financial limitations families face, so that our county's special needs children can get the early education services they need to reach their full potential in life,” says Barnhill.

ABOUT AVERGAN FOUNDATION

Founded in October of 2013, the **Avergan Foundation** mission initiative is in promoting awareness and acceptance for autism spectrum disorders, and to offer hope to affected families by providing scholarships for private special needs educational services.

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. The **Avergan Foundation** website is currently in development. For more updates and information, please become a fan of the **Avergan Foundation** on Facebook, here:

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