



## **First of a Kind Organization Will Break Down Barriers to Care, Transform How Individuals with Autism and Their Families Access Services**

***Autism Lifeline Links creates a single point of entry into a coordinated network of services and care; connects a care coordinator with those who need help within 24 business hours of registration***

**SAN ANTONIO, TX – October 18, 2016** – Today, [Autism Lifeline Links](#) (ALL), a first-of-its-kind, not-for-profit organization created to streamline access, eliminate wait times and break down barriers to care for thousands of individuals and families struggling with autism, was unveiled.

Created and funded by [the Kronkosky Charitable Foundation](#), ALL is a coalition of organizations focused on helping individuals, families and professionals within the autism community in Bexar County and surrounding areas connect with one another to share information, provide assistance and get needed support.

“I am enormously proud of all of the agencies and individuals who came together to create this unique platform. It will be a positive game changer for families struggling with autism,” said Tullos Wells, managing director for the Kronkosky Charitable Foundation.

Early intervention and access to care for autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and autism, beginning before age three, can dramatically increase a child’s success in attending kindergarten with typically-developing peers. According to the U.S. Government Accountability Office, this can reduce the cost of education by more than \$10,000 per child, per year contrasted to those who do not receive early intervention.

One of the biggest challenges to early intervention has been the lack of coordination between organizations and providers that can leave individuals and caregivers not knowing where to go for the services they need.

The collaboration between ALL and TAVHealth aims to solve for these barriers through a single point of online access where people with autism and their families can register to connect with a network of clinicians, social service professionals and other providers.

“TAVHealth is pleased to partner with Kronkosky and ALL to create an entirely new paradigm that connects the clinical, social and community services into one platform,” said Dr. James Rubin, founder and CEO of TAVHealth.

For more information about Autism Lifeline Links, go to [www.autismlifelinelinks.org](http://www.autismlifelinelinks.org).

**About Autism Lifeline Links**

Autism Lifeline Links is the entity that serves a coalition of agencies and organizations working together to provide quality services, resources and care for individuals, families, caregivers, educators and others in the autism community.

**About TAVHealth**

TAVHealth offers the broadest and most flexible set of software and service solutions to connect people, community resources, and technology to improve health outcomes and experiences. TAVHealth has over 2,000 partners, and over 2 million members, families and friends in the TAVConnect service platform.

**About Kronkosky Charitable Foundation**

The Kronkosky Charitable Foundation was established by Albert and Bessie Mae Kronkosky with a trust agreement in January 1991 and was funded in August 1997. The mission of the Kronkosky Charitable Foundation is to produce profound good that is tangible and measurable in Bandera, Bexar, Comal and Kendall counties in Texas by implementing the Kronkoskys' charitable purposes.

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