

Our Story



Supporting the Clinic

In 1989, Dr. D. Holmes and Mrs. Caroline Morton partnered with local Amish and Mennonite communities to found the Clinic for Special Children (CSC) - a new approach to care for children suffering from rare, genetic disease in Lancaster County. Although CSC was founded to treat metabolic disorders, the organization now treats patients with genetic disorders of all types from many locations and many backgrounds. Since its founding, CSC has endeavored to integrate advanced laboratory techniques into everyday primary care. The CSC is envisioned as a medical home for patients, meaning they can see physicians knowledgeable about their disorder when they are sick and when they are well. Despite the innovative and pioneering nature of CSC, the Clinic remains focused on its most important task: providing care to vulnerable individuals with genetic disease.

Prevention & Access

The Clinic for Special Children (CSC) is a world leader in personalized genomic medicine. Our staff of dedicated individuals treats about 1,100 active patients, diagnoses and manages over 300 genetic disorders, and collaborates with a thriving community of local practitioners, scientists, hospital systems, academic centers, and private industry. Through these partnerships, we have integrated subspecialty medical care, such as cardiology, audiology, and ophthalmology, into our medical service so patients have direct access to advanced clinicians and unparalleled coordinated care. We provide a 24-hour call service, where home visits and inpatient hospital care are standard.

More than 40% of our operating budget relies on philanthropy.

Here are some ways that you can support CSC:

- **Support our benefit auctions and special events**
 - Attend our special events and invite others
 - Donate items to our annual benefit auctions
 - Be a sponsor or volunteer for a special event
- **Make a monetary donation**
 - Make a gift anytime by mailing your gift to CSC
 - Donate online through our website
 - Give anonymously through the Anabaptist Foundation
 - Show your support through our year-end annual appeal
- **Participate in our planned giving program, the Quilter's Circle**
 - Include CSC in your estate plan, will, or trust
 - Designate CSC as a beneficiary of your IRA
 - Donate stock or farm commodities

For more information about opportunities to support CSC, please contact our Development Team.



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Advancing Science
and Medicine,

**One Child
at a Time.**



Clinic for
Special Children

Our Mission

To serve children and adults who suffer from genetic and other complex medical disorders by providing comprehensive medical, laboratory, and consultative services, and by increasing and disseminating knowledge of science and medicine.



Collaboration, Research, & Scientific Discovery

The Clinic is a small practice by design, but a wide network of collaborators enhances our ability to provide clinical care and conduct research, helping us to close the gap between increased scientific knowledge and the translation of knowledge into effective medical care. Our work has been published in over 115 peer-reviewed scientific journal articles and featured in major news outlets both nationally and internationally. Clinical collaborations allow us to offer services typically only available at institutions in major cities.

Our collaborative projects include:

- Medical Food Design
- Cellular Research
- Education
- Scientific Publications
- Technology Development
- Clinical Trials
- Subspecialty Services
- Organ Transplantation



Our Services

The Clinic's unique model offers a pathway into the future of genomic medicine, where physicians and scientists work hand-in-hand to solve ever-changing, complex problems. We explain the meaning of genomic data for the individual, providing the right treatment at the right time.

By seamlessly integrating a CLIA-certified biochemical and molecular genetic laboratory into our primary care practice, we provide fast and affordable testing that continually drives better patient care. The laboratory's focus is on the needs of the patients we serve.

Services include:

- New Patient Evaluations
- Primary Care for Children and Adults
- In Hospital Care and Home Visits
- Genetic Counseling
- Rapid Molecular Diagnostics
- Amino Acid Quantitation
- Advanced Genomic Techniques
- Palliative Care | *Cherished Lives*

Our Goals

Deliver effective and affordable diagnosis and comprehensive care for individuals with genetic conditions.

Develop innovative laboratory methods that serve the needs of patients and families.

Expand the capability for clinical studies, education, and training in genetic medicine.



“Each office visit is like a teaching seminar for us. The doctors explain every detail very thoroughly and help us understand why our children’s special needs affect them the way they do.”

— Mother of a patient