

Dear patients and families,

When I arrived at the Clinic for Special Children four years ago, I did not know what to expect. I was new to medical practice, but eager to learn and contribute to the Clinic's mission. What I found at the Clinic exceeded all of my hopes; dedicated staff, loving families, and countless children that have become dear to me.

Work at the Clinic has enriched my life in many ways, but requires that I live a great distance from my extended family in Wisconsin. My husband and I have fond memories of childhood with our grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, and want our children to have the same opportunity. After much thought and consideration, we have decided to return to Wisconsin to be closer to our families.

The Clinic has nurtured a deep, personal commitment to serving the Plain community. Moving forward, I hope to care for Amish and Mennonite children with genetic disorders and special medical needs in my home state. I will begin with a 2-year training program in medical genetics at the University of Wisconsin. This will give me the opportunity to do outreach work with the Plain communities in Wisconsin and share the knowledge that I have gained here in Pennsylvania.

I will be leaving the clinic in June 2018. During the upcoming months, I plan to work closely with the clinic staff to ensure a smooth transition of care for patients. As we work through this process, please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

This change is bittersweet. Although I look forward to sharing more time with my extended family, I will greatly miss the staff and families at the clinic. Each relationship, no matter how long or short, has shaped me as a doctor and as a person. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives in such a special way. Caring for your child has been a true pleasure and a gift I will cherish.

Sincerely,
Katie Williams