



Clinic for Special Children

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The Clinic for Special Children Celebrates 30 Years of Cutting-Edge Research and Compassion

(Strasburg, PA) The Clinic for Special Children (CSC), a non-profit medical and scientific organization focused on providing care to children and adults with genetic or other complex disorders, is marking its 30th Anniversary on April 4, 2019. Founded by Dr. Holmes Morton, his wife Caroline, and concerned members of the medical, scientific, and Plain communities. CSC has grown from a small, niche pediatric practice to an internationally recognized leader and innovator in rare disease research and care. In 2018, CSC provided care to over 1,000 active patients, primarily from the Old Order Amish and Mennonite communities. In its 30-year history, CSC has treated patients from 42 states and 17 countries.

Kevin A. Strauss, MD, Medical Director at the Clinic for Special Children remarked on this historical milestone, “Caring for children with special needs is the work of a community, and for three decades the Clinic has bound us together in this common purpose. The CSC’s mission embodies an idea that challenges each one of us to contribute; only together can we find new ways to enrich lives, alleviate suffering, and create hope. On the eve of the CSC’s 30th anniversary, we are grateful to all of those who have joined hands with us in this effort, and in so doing become part of a very special family.” In 1989, the genetic cause of disease was only known in a handful of disorders. Today, by utilizing CSC’s onsite biochemistry and genetics laboratory, managed by Erik G. Puffenberger, PhD since 1998, over 300 disease causing genetic changes have been identified. In addition, CSC has published over 100 peer reviewed publications over its history.

To commemorate the anniversary, the Clinic will be selling limited-edition books entitled *30 Stories for 30 Years*, that features first-hand stories written by Clinic patient families and *Our Story in Newsletters*, a compilation of every Clinic newsletter published through 2018. Proceeds



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from the sale of these items will benefit the Clinic and will be available for purchase starting in the Spring at 2019 events, on the Clinic web shop, or in-person at the Clinic.

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About the Clinic for Special Children

The Clinic for Special Children (CSC) is a non-profit organization located in Strasburg, PA, which provides primary pediatric care and advanced laboratory services to those who suffer from genetic or other complex medical disorders. Founded in 1989, the organization provides services to over 1,000 active patients and is recognized as a world-leader in translational and precision medicine. The organization is primarily supported through community fundraising events and donations. For more information, please visit www.ClinicforSpecialChildren.org