

Our Story



Supporting the Clinic

In 1989, Dr. D. Holmes and Mrs. Caroline Morton envisioned a new approach to care for children suffering from rare, genetic disease in Lancaster County. The Mortons empowered an under served community to address difficult clinical questions by building a primary pediatric service, backed by an integrated lab utilizing advanced diagnostic and research equipment. Starting with only a handful of patients and focused on two complex genetic disorders prevalent in the Old Order Amish and Mennonite communities, Holmes and Caroline created a model for rare disease that continues to inspire physicians, scientists, and the communities we serve.

Prevention & Access

The Clinic for Special Children (CSC) is now a world leader in personalized genomic medicine. Our staff of 18 dedicated individuals treats about 1,070 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 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**
 - Show your support through our year-end annual appeal
 - Make a gift anytime by mailing your gift to CSC
 - Donate online through our website
 - Give anonymously through the Anabaptist Foundation
- **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 visit our website or 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.



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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.

Collaboration, Research & Scientific Discovery

The Clinic is a small practice by design, but a wide network of collaborators enhances our primary care and research efforts, helping us to close the gap between increased scientific knowledge and the translation of that knowledge into effective medical care. Our work has been published in over 115 peer-reviewed scientific journals 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



“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



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 children we serve.

Services include:

- New Patient Evaluations
- Primary Pediatric Care
- In Hospital Care and Home Visits
- Genetic Counseling
- Rapid Molecular Diagnostics
- Amino Acid Quantitation
- Advanced Genomic Techniques