



Clinic for Special Children

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Dear Friend,

As the Clinic for Special Children's 30th year of operation comes to a close, I'd like to take a moment to thank you for your continuing support. Your generosity has allowed us to serve nearly 4,700 patients over our 30-year history. We are growing in response to the needs of the community and expanding both our clinical and laboratory capabilities as we strive to provide innovative and compassionate care to vulnerable families. Your support makes this growth possible and changes lives.

I hope you enjoyed reading about the Lapp family's journey with the Clinic. Their son, Ian, lives with a metabolic disorder called Glutaric Aciduria Type 1 (GA1). Ian's body cannot break down certain proteins, and if left untreated, this condition can cause irreparable brain damage. Our clinicians have been instrumental in advancing clinical care for GA1 patients through the development of new therapies, which are now used throughout the world and have reduced the risk of brain injury from more than 90% to less than 5%.

Next year promises to be even more dynamic than the last. Many of the children I saw when I arrived at the Clinic 18 years ago are now adults who continue to require complex medical care. To meet this growing challenge, the Clinic will take the first step in launching an adult service program with the hiring of Dr. Grace Loudon. Dr. Loudon is a family practice physician who will join our staff full-time in the summer of 2020.

As we expand our medical services, we are also mindful of the need to improve communication and continuity of care with other providers. To this end, we will be transitioning to a new medical records system with the support of The Steinman Foundation.

Finally, the Clinic will be serving as a clinical trial site for up to four separate gene therapy trials, a commitment to translational research that places the Clinic alongside internationally recognized academic universities and hospitals, and ensures that our patients have access to cutting-edge therapies.

It's a busy and exciting time. As we look forward to a bright future, one thing is clear: we can not do this work without you! Thank you for cherishing the lives of special children and adults. We are deeply grateful.

Warmly,

Kevin A. Strauss, MD
Medical Director



Ian Lapp



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