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Friends,

The effects of the COVID-19 virus have been substantial and widespread. Many of our lives look very different today than they did even a few short weeks ago. At the Clinic for Special Children, we are similarly not immune from the medical and economic realities of the current situation. However, rather than dwell on the challenges, I instead want to share some words of hope and gratitude.



The Clinic for Special Children remains accessible through this time in order to provide essential care to some of the most vulnerable patients in our communities – children and adults with genetic or other complex disorders. Our office remains open in order to provide urgent patient care, perform routine and emergency genetic and biochemical testing, and triage phone calls. For the safety of our staff and patient families, the CSC clinical team has put various measures in place such as enhanced cleaning and reduced personal interactions. Through all of this, our entire staff remain dedicated to continuing the clinical, research, and educational mission of the Clinic, even while many of them work remotely.

During the nearly ten years I have worked at the Clinic for Special Children, I have seen many challenging and sometimes tragic situations. I have also seen incredible progress. I have seen children who tested for previously fatal disorders that now have treatment options available. I have seen children with metabolic disorders grow up to be healthy young adults. I have seen and experienced the outpouring of support for CSC's mission and goals. I have seen the resiliency of the communities and families we serve and the staff and volunteers who serve them.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone that is working during these challenging times to provide care and essential services. Their courage and selflessness provide inspiration.

We will see ourselves through this by working together. I look forward to the brighter days ahead.

Sincerely,

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