



# Clinic for Special Children

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Dear Friend,

Imagine a place where children and adults living with rare genetic conditions receive care from a team of dedicated doctors and specialists – all under one roof. A place where people can depend on the highest quality health care regardless of their ability to pay, and physicians partner with collaborators around the world to deliver life-changing therapies for those in need.

Imagine this place to be more like a home than a hospital – a *caring place* for Plain and ‘English’ alike – staffed by people who are expert in *both* the treatment of rare genetic conditions and the art of listening because we know that those who seek our care are more than just a collection of signs and symptoms. They are whole people, fearful and hopeful, who seek relief and reassurance.

This is our vision for the Clinic for Special Children.

For patients like Linda Rose Blank, the real value of the Clinic is its *people*, who have walked alongside her and her family for more than 33 years. The Clinic team is honored to be entrusted with the care of Linda Rose and more than 1,000 other pediatric and adult patients, and strives continually to be worthy of that trust. Whether it’s finding a rapid resolution to Linda Rose’s wisdom teeth pain or spending extra time with the family of a new baby struggling with a rare genetic diagnosis, the Clinic prides itself in creating a caring place for all who walk through our doors.

Your past support of the Clinic for Special Children allows us to walk alongside families like the Blanks. We are financially stable because of donors like you, and yet we know there will be hurdles ahead. If you are able, please consider a gift to the Clinic so that we can meet these challenges head-on in 2021.

As this year comes to a close, let us all draw strength from Linda Rose’s resilience. Her story is an inspiration to us all.

We are deeply grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

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