



# Clinic for Special Children®

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Dear Friend,

When the King family faced the devastating loss of their daughter, Analisa, they were left with many unanswered medical questions. While genetic testing did not provide an answer at the time, they never gave up hope. Several years later, many of those unanswered questions resurfaced when their son Jevon was born with similar symptoms. When Jevon was diagnosed with CODAS syndrome at 10 days old through the Clinic's laboratory, it not only enabled the Clinic's medical team to provide compassionate care based on prior experience with the disorder, it provided long sought answers to the King family.

Now Jevon, and his younger brother Josiah, who was also diagnosed with CODAS syndrome, receive care from Dr. Laura Poskitt, a Pediatrician at the Clinic. As their primary care doctor, Dr. Poskitt meets with the family multiple times a year to provide routine care. However, CODAS syndrome affects many different parts of the body so Dr. Poskitt also coordinates with multiple external medical specialists to create a comprehensive care team. Jevon and Josiah's care team works together to help them reach important developmental milestones, learn, and grow.

The care provided by Dr. Poskitt brings the Clinic's mission to life. Providing compassionate, accessible, and coordinated care is the heart of the Clinic's purpose and we continuously search for more solutions. However, none of this work is possible without the support of generous and caring people like you.

**We are grateful for your past support of the Clinic, which enables patients like Jevon and Josiah to have access to quality and coordinated care.** Donations, fundraisers, and grants together provide **61%** of the Clinic's annual \$5 million budget and **no one is turned away** based on their ability to pay. Your support is critical to the approximately 1,200 active patients who rely on the Clinic's medical care every day and the thousands more who receive testing through the Clinic's laboratory.

**Will you consider a gift to the Clinic's 2022 year-end appeal so families, like the Kings, can receive the answers and care they need?**

Thank you for your consideration and your continued support.

Sincerely,

Herman Bontrager  
Chair, Board of Directors