



The **Clinic for Special Children** was founded in 1989 to provide families with compassionate care for their children with complex, sometimes fatal, genetic disorders.

Since then, children with once life-limiting disorders are growing into adults, new treatments are on the horizon for many disorders, and the Plain community continues to grow. This campaign is about keeping our promise to care for children as they age, seeking the promise of life-giving therapies, and **keeping the promise** to be here for families when they need us.

“ Our unique approach combines specialized treatment with cutting-edge research. ”

The Clinic is a comprehensive medical practice for children and adults with complicated genetic disorders, providing all of their healthcare needs in one location. Our unique approach combines specialized treatment with cutting-edge research to meet each patient's individual needs.



## Ways to Give to the Campaign



### Cash Gifts

A cash gift, in support of the Clinic's campaign, will go to work immediately to help progress the project.



### Multi-year Pledges

Commitments to the Clinic's campaign may be paid over a period of up to five years.



### Planned Giving

Gifts of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or estate gifts are a powerful way to make a gift towards the Clinic's campaign.



### Gifts of in-kind labor, materials, etc.

The donation of in-kind gifts, especially building materials and labor, will be essential towards constructing the Clinic's new building.



### Volunteering

There will be volunteer opportunities throughout the Clinic's campaign. If interested, please contact us below.

This special fundraising campaign supporting the construction, furnishings, equipment, and innovation and sustainability funds for the Clinic's new home will require a community investment of \$12.5 million.

#### To learn more or make a gift, please contact:

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#### To make a gift through the Anabaptist Foundation:

Anabaptist Foundation  
Charitable Gift Fund  
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Keeping THE Promise

A Campaign for  
the Clinic for  
Special Children

BUILDING HOPE



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## A Wonderful Problem

Thanks to the Clinic’s major advances in diagnosis and treatment, many genetic disorders that were fatal in childhood are now survivable or preventable. Today, 30% of patients we serve are 14 or older. Their complex conditions require ongoing monitoring and specialty care.



Rendering of Exam Room

The current Clinic was not originally designed to serve children and adults, and is too small to accommodate current demand. The Clinic needs a larger facility so we can treat patients into adulthood and serve an ever-increasing number of children and their families.

The new three-floor center will be a larger, more spacious, and more accessible version of our current facility and will feature a design centered around patients and families.



Rendering of Waiting Room



## A Living Miracle

If **Alayna Wenger** had been born 30 years ago, before the Clinic began, she probably would not have survived beyond her first birthday. But according to her parents, Lucinda and Lydell Wenger, she is now “a very normal, very active toddler.”

Alayna was born with the genetic change that can cause Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type 1, a genetic disorder that causes muscles to become increasingly weak. The Clinic staff met with the family when Alayna was just 11 days old. “We learned a lot at that first appointment,” remembers Lucinda, “especially how much they cared.”

A few days later, Alayna received gene replacement therapy at Penn Medicine Lancaster General Hospital, one of the Clinic’s collaborators. An intravenous infusion gave Alayna’s cells a working copy of the faulty gene. According to the Clinic’s Dr. Vincent Carson, “This is one of the most dramatic treatments we can provide. It’s almost miraculous.”

Lucinda and Lydell like the idea of the new facility off Old Philadelphia Pike. “It’s well thought-out,” notes Lydell, “and it’s ten minutes closer to our house.”

In the meantime, the incredible advancements in diagnosis and treatment that the Clinic has helped pioneer will enable Alayna to live and grow almost normally. As Lydell says, “If you didn’t know it, you wouldn’t notice it.”

## Ideally Situated



**The Clinic’s new site** places us in the middle of Lancaster County’s Plain communities, just east of Intercourse on Old Philadelphia Pike at Hatville Road. It will be easily accessible by horse and buggy.

## A Community Project

The Clinic will sit behind our neighbor, the Community Care Center, a care facility for Plain adults with special needs. Our two organizations are collaborating and sharing land development costs to reduce the overall costs of our projects.



Rendering of Building

