

**In July 2022, we welcomed our first son, Isaiah, into the world.** Just eight weeks later, we received the difficult news that he had Progressive Familial Intrahepatic Cholestasis (PFIC) Type 1 (also known as Byler disease) caused by a variant in the *ATP8B1* gene. PFIC Type 1 is a rare liver condition that blocks the normal flow of bile, leading to liver damage, jaundice, severe itching, and eventually, the possibility of liver failure.

At the time, we were living in Los Angeles, CA. It quickly became clear that the medical care Isaiah was receiving wasn't the right long-term fit for his needs, and the specialists there didn't have the experience we hoped for in managing his rare disease. In April 2024, we made the move to Lancaster, PA, to be closer to family and to find the best care possible for Isaiah.

Soon after, we brought Isaiah to the Clinic for Special Children. From the very beginning, we felt embraced with care and support by their team. Through their close partnership with UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Isaiah was able to be listed for a liver transplant.

This past March, Isaiah received his transplant, and he's been doing wonderfully ever since! Before surgery, his itching was relentless, stealing his comfort, sleep, and quality of life. Now, the difference is remarkable. He's happier, sleeps through the night, and can focus on playing and learning without constant discomfort.

The Clinic's care hasn't only been for Isaiah, they've also supported our family as a whole, including his little brother, Adam, who we were blessed to welcome in September 2024. Before Adam's birth, we tested to see whether he had the same disease as his older brother, and we were happy to learn that he didn't. During the final weeks of the pregnancy, we learned that Adam was not developing as a normal baby in the womb. Utilizing the Clinic's Plain Insight Panel™ test, we learned that we were both carriers of CHH (a form of dwarfism), along with the already known PFIC Type 1. The Clinic was able to give us insight and expectations before Adam's birth to know how to prepare ourselves to give him the best care possible.

Dr. Poskitt has led us through our journey with so much kindness and wisdom. We're grateful to her and the whole team at the Clinic for providing gentle care for our sons and also support for us as parents.

Your support of the Clinic makes it possible for many families who face challenging medical needs to find hope and care with extensive research and support.

Sincerely,

**The Troyer Family**

*Matt, Cindy, Isaiah, & Adam*

