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Letter from the CEO

CRCC provides skilled care and therapies for kids and young adults with complex needs. Simply put, we deliver care for kids whose needs cannot be met in traditional childcare settings. Many of the families we serve simply do not have other options for childcare so that they can work and have a sense of normalcy in their lives.

As any parent knows, dropping your child off to be cared for by another person can be stressful. Now imagine dropping your 18-month-old child off who is on a ventilator and has seizures. CRCC's staff of experts is there to provide a safe environment and to make these daily occurrences easier for the families we serve. All parents want the best for their kids—and special needs parents are absolutely no exception.

I am proud to have the opportunity to lead CRCC's amazing staff and promote the work we do. Recently, I overheard a conversation taking place with a family who had a baby born with a rare disease. As the mom was talking to CRCC's nurse, she commented that she'd never heard of this disease. Our nurse quickly commented, "We've had several kids at CRCC with that diagnosis. He'll do great!" I thought to myself how comforting that must have been to the mom—not only did we have experience in working with her child's diagnosis, but assurance that it will be okay. Our team can handle it.

And that is what is so special about CRCC! We provide a place where every child has the opportunity to thrive in their own way. We also strive to provide peace of mind to parents that their child won't just be taken care of, but will be a part of a special community and genuinely loved.

Join me in celebrating and supporting the amazing work being done at CRCC!



Best,

Mile Bird

Mike Bird



School-Age Programming

CRCC's School-Age Program provides for the medical and educational needs of our families by complementing early intervention and the school's efforts with full- or part-time care before school, after school and during school breaks. Our team creates a partnership between families, medical professionals and school services. In addition, rehabilitation and behavioral health services are available on location.

For parents of children with complex developmental and/or physical disabilities, there are few options for before- and afterschool care once their children reach school age.

Allison Belluomini's son Luca was diagnosed with the rare genetic mutation ZMYND11, which results in severe mental and physical development delay. Luca is 9 years old, but his cognitive level measures around 4-10 months and he needs full care.

Luca

Allison knew he was growing out of his typical daycare: "The daycare staff just weren't trained to support him, and it was leaving me very uneasy every day I went to work."

Anna Carreon's daughter Celeste was able to attend an in-home daycare until she needed a more accessible environment. Celeste has Bryant-Li-Bhoj Neurodevelopmental Syndrome, which is characterized by intellectual disability, typically in the severe range.

Between needing a high level of care, medical and therapeutic appointments, and both parents working, it becomes difficult to navigate and have some sense of normalcy as a family.

Allison and Anna will both tell you that all changed when they came to CRCC.

"Relief is a good way of putting it," Allison said. "When I leave, I know he's safe. I feel at peace leaving Luca with the school-age team because all the staff are so good with



"CRCC has helped our family by streamlining our lives.

If it wasn't for CRCC, I'm not sure my husband and I would both be able to pursue our careers to the extent we are able to. One of us would have to work a modified schedule (which you can't easily find as educators). We'd have to secure before- and afterschool care for Celeste. which is very challenging as many people don't feel comfortable with her needs, in order to work in the career field of our choice."

- Anna Carreon

him. Luca loves people and to feel included, and they do a great job of that in the classrooms. He is nonverbal, so they are also his mouthpiece. That communication is really important."

"Having Celeste at CRCC gives me a sense of peace," Anna said. "I know she's well cared for, loved and accepted for exactly who she is."

Not only do Luca and Celeste have a safe place to grow and thrive, they are able to get their physical and occupational therapy sessions all under one roof.

"We no longer have to plan our lives around therapy since she is able to get it done while at CRCC," Anna said.



Growing School Age

Not only do we want to be able to serve more kids and young adults, but we also want to better meet the needs of our current clientele like Luca and Celeste.

Our school-age clients range from 5 years old all the way though age 21, and most stay with us that entire time.

"There is so much we can do with this program," said COO Morgan Grot. "We want to create a more engaging environment with more opportunities."

One of the biggest limitations is space. Both of our centers currently serve as many school-age clients as space and staffing allow. Our dream would be to have a center focused solely on school-age client care.

"We are lucky to work with many of our clients from early in their lives through their adolescent and young adult years. We want to create a space that grows with them, a space that honors the fact that they are young adults," Morgan said.

We couldn't possibly imagine making such strides without you. Help us continue to be a source of empowerment today and for years to come.

CRCC Summer Camp

Our Summer Camp spans 11 weeks and is packed full of activities, special guests and fun for school-age children and young adults through age 21. We offer new experiences in a safe, adapted environment supported by highly qualified caregivers.

Each week has a special theme along with coordinating activities that allow our clients to learn life skills, engage with their peers and, of course, have fun! We partner with Big Garden for hands-on learning, and a highlight for our clients are the water play days. Special guests like Stomp Chomp Roar are always a big hit!



What CRCC makes cres unique?

We are committed to the belief that nothing should prevent children from having quality childhood experiences or from reaching their fullest potential.

Currently serving nearly 600 children from birth through 21 years of age, CRCC is distinctive to our community. Both of our centers offer a full continuum of comprehensive care, programs and services for special populations while providing all children, special needs and typical peers alike, the opportunity to find security, support and mutual understanding.

Our innovative services are need-driven without replication, all within single locations to provide ready access to a range of tools for success.





Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) School-Age Programs

Physical Therapy



Birth to Three Education



CRCC **SUMMER**

Before- and After-School Care



Occupational Therapy

Inclusive Preschool

Stats & Financials

253,000

Day Program Hours Provided

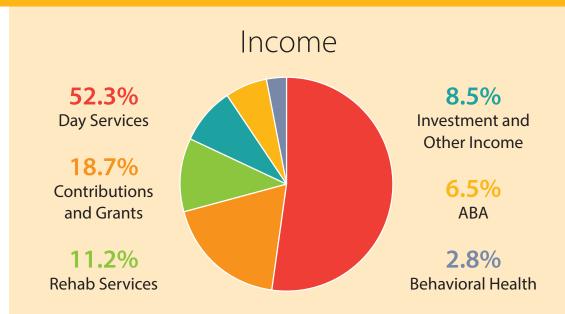
304 Day Health 204 Behavioral Health

Rehabilitation

- 83 Speech-Language Therapy
- **81** Physical Therapy
- **68** Occupational Therapy
- **49** Feeding Therapy

Children may receive more than one type of therapy.

94 Unique Diagnoses







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3rd Annual Race for Big Dreams

More than 200 members of the Omaha community celebrated our annual Race for Big Dreams, an event dedicated to raising essential funds to support the comprehensive resources CRCC provides for children and young adults with complex medical and developmental needs.

New to the event this year, CRCC welcomed Omaha residents, including members of the University of Nebraska at Omaha track team, to cheer on the participants in the Lap of Champions, a special lap comprising of CRCC and metro-area children and their families. It was incredibly meaningful to



watch everyone cheer on the children so they could have their moment in the spotlight.

We're happy to report that we raised \$48,000! We are grateful for your support and hope you save the date for next year: September 13, 2025!