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DDC Clinic Center for Special Needs Children, a clinic for children with rare genetic disorders in Middlefield, Ohio, announced today that Business Manager Patti Gallagher has been promoted to Operations Director. In that position, Mrs. Gallagher will oversee day-to-day operations; manage the organization's \$1.45 million budget; liaison with board members, volunteers and private and public-sector leaders; and in tandem with Medical Director and CEO Dr. Heng Wang, represent DDC Clinic in the many communities it serves.

Mrs. Gallagher began her tenure in 2006, having previously worked as a Banker and Operations Manager for National City Bank. Committed to serving those in need, she has served on the boards of Enhanced Hope Foundation, Metzenbaum Foundation and Metzenbaum Sheltered Industries for years and chaired the Quilt and Craft Auction at Metzenbaum Center. Mrs. Gallagher, a nearly lifelong resident of nearby Burton, is married with four sons and seven grandchildren, spends quality time with a special needs brother, and cheers heartily for the Cleveland Browns!

From the outset, Mrs. Gallagher was drawn to the innovative work being done at DDC Clinic and knew this engagement would be a labor of love:

This is a special place for the Amish and non-Amish alike, a place where families find answers for their critically ill children, a place where no child is turned away from care based on ability to pay. It's been an honor serving so many in need for the last 14 years, and I know the years to come will continue to equate DDC Clinic with Hope, Healing and Love!

DDC Clinic's mission is to enhance the quality of life for people with special needs caused by rare genetic disorders. Since 2002, comprehensive patient care; state-of-the-art genetic research; and multifaceted education for patient families and the healthcare community have impacted the lives of some 1200 children in Ohio, 35 other states, and 11 countries around the world.