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Hello fellow Richfield Optimists,

WED Mar 17 - Zoom meeting at 8:00 AM

Our guest speaker will be : **Jim Barthels, President of TLC Toys**

Sign on for Zoom is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/>

(Or **See e-mail From Mike Sandahl**

Our speaker last week was **Laura Brod Hameed**, Executive Director of Columbus Children's Foundation. CCF is a non-profit Biotech to Accelerate Ultra Rare Disease programs.

There are over 320 million people that live with a rare disease. Three out of ten children with rare disease will not live to their fifth birthday.

CCF is not trying to develop a drug to be sold, but are trying to deliver drugs to combat rare diseases. A non-profit organization is needed because the ROI for rare disease drugs is hard to justify for a commercial entity given a small population of users.

CCF began in Valencia, Spain in 2017, and has its USA base in Chapel Hills, NC

They have eight rare diseases in their current pipeline. Laura highlighted two of them. **SPG50** which is Spastic Paraplegia and **AADCD** which is a form of pediatric Parkinsons. AADCD is proving to be promising and is in clinical trial with 25 promising cases already.

Study of rare diseases increases the body of knowledge as a springboard for complex, yet more common diseases.

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself

To be **SO STRONG** that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity
to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the **sunny side of everything**
and make your optimism come true.

To **think** only of the best, to **work** only for the best and to
expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the **SUCCESS** of others
as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the
GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance **AT ALL TIMES** and give
every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have
NO TIME to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear,
and **too happy** to permit the presence of trouble.

