



Happy Holidays!!!

This month marks a significant milestone for our Foundation as we have officially completed all necessary paperwork and required tasks to **OPEN the LaPlante Center for Suicide Prevention** in Morgantown, WV! I am grateful that soon, we will be able to treat our first acutely suicidal patients at our center using an innovative approach with IV Ketamine in a very different and much improved environment for them to be seen in and evaluated.

It was a very busy year for our team as we prepared for the clinic opening, hosted a very successful inaugural 5K run this past May in Morgantown, WV, and launched the first of many educational and network speaking events on December 4th. The number of people that I personally need to thank continues to grow as more individuals come forward who wish to participate in the Elizabeth & Claire LaPlante Foundation, Inc in some way. I could never have envisioned that our Foundation would grow in such a meaningful way, and so quickly.

We have acquired additional staff to support the ever-increasing workload and requirements needed to move the Foundation forward. This is truly an exciting time for our new Foundation, and donations from people like you remain a very integral and essential part of our on-going operations even as we look forward to securing further federal and other funding resources to support our suicide prevention outreach operations.

Additionally, through our Scholarship Branch of the LaPlante Foundation, which I created to honor the memory of my daughter, Claire, we awarded our very first WVU Engineering Scholarship to a terrific young man from Charleston, WV! I have personally been able to stay connected with this impressive young man throughout his first semester, and it gives me great joy to see the positive effects the scholarship award has had on him and his family. We wish him all the best as he pursues his academic and career goals and look forward to helping other deserving students in the future.

All in all, it's been a wonderful, productive year.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your past and any future donations you can make for this much needed mental health initiative. We would not be where we are today without your support, and we have much to do.

Please visit us at our website, [www.LaPlanteFoundation.com](http://www.LaPlanteFoundation.com)

My deepest thanks,

Jon

**Jon LaPlante**  
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