Today...

The Waisman Center is regarded as one of the most innovative interdisciplinary research centers in the world, providing:

- laboratories for biomedical and behavioral research
- a stem cell research program focused on the brain and spinal cord
- 12 specialty clinics for children with developmental disabilities
- a brain imaging center
- an inclusive early childhood education program
- a clinical biomanufacturing facility for producing pharmaceuticals

The Waisman Center offers an array of services to people with developmental disabilities, as well as education and outreach programs for children and families. We also train the next generation of scientists and clinicians to sustain the Waisman Center’s mission.

But one man saw hope.

That visionary was Harry Waisman, MD, PhD. His determination helped to establish the Waisman Center at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1973 as a multidisciplinary center dedicated to study and treat these conditions through laboratories, clinics, testing facilities, education and training. From the start, Waisman Center researchers, clinicians and staff have been at the forefront of research and discovery, inspiring hope for individuals and families in Wisconsin and around the world.

The Waisman Center has provided clinical services and supports to more than 160,000 children and adults. A multidisciplinary team of professionals help children diagnosed with conditions including: autism, Down syndrome, fragile X syndrome, cerebral palsy, brain injury, prematurity, and rare genetic diseases.

Since 2001, Waisman Center researchers have compiled more than 13,000 hours of data using state-of-the-art brain imaging technologies that provide insight to conditions such as autism and Alzheimer’s disease.

More than 1,900 young children have participated in the Waisman Early Childhood Program (WECP) since it opened in 1979. The WECP is a model inclusive early childhood program with a developmentally diverse enrollment.

Research programs and clinical services at the Waisman Center focus on every stage of human development—from conception through early childhood and adolescence, into adulthood and old age.

Tomorrow...

The Waisman Center encompasses laboratories for biomedical and behavioral research with the overarching goal of discovering:

- the causes of developmental disabilities and neurodegenerative diseases
- the consequences for affected children and adults and their families
- effective treatments and even cures

Be a part of our story!

With your support, we will be able to continue improving the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities and neurodegenerative disorders. Help us celebrate the first 40 years of the Waisman Center!

To make a gift to the Waisman Center 40th Anniversary Fund, please visit www.waisman.wisc.edu/40thGiving or call (608) 263-5940.