

We envision a world
without Type I diabetes.

A WORLD WHERE MONITORING AND DAILY INSULIN
INJECTIONS ARE NO LONGER A PART OF ANYONE'S LIFE.



From Grassroots to Reality

Founded in 2004, Spring Point Project was born out of the passion of Tom Cartier to find a cure for his son, Cory, who had been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes.

At the same time, renowned physician and researcher Bernhard Hering, MD was working on a strategy to cure diabetes by using pig islets to replace the insulin-producing islet cells missing from people with Type 1 diabetes.

Tom, along with other parents and relatives of persons living with Type 1 diabetes, began a grassroots effort to raise the funds needed to make porcine (pig) islet cells available so that transplantation could become a viable treatment option for people living with this disease.

A unique partnership of parents, volunteers, business professionals, physicians, swine producers and researchers emerged, and the dream began to shape itself into a solid plan to develop **the shortest path to the cure.**



Providing Greater Opportunities for Success

Today, Spring Point Project is squarely positioned in the middle of three distinct paths to a cure:

- 1 Porcine islet transplantation, with rejection being prevented by more selective and less risky immunosuppression drug therapy** - Performed by the University of Minnesota in collaboration with other academic centers and pharmaceutical/biotech industry. Projected to use islets derived from pigs raised in Spring Point Project facilities for clinical trials.
- 2 Porcine islet transplantation, with induction of tolerance to pig islets** - Performed by the University of Minnesota in collaboration with other academic centers and projected to use islets derived from pigs raised in Spring Point Project facilities for clinical trials.
- 3 Encapsulated porcine islet transplantation** - Performed by Islet Sciences, Inc. using Spring Point Project piglet islets.

Regeneration using stem cells is a major research direction and extremely promising. However, stem cell regeneration has technological hurdles that we believe will delay, not prevent, their use until much after replacement paths have proven successful. Therefore, it is likely pig islets will serve individuals in need while stem cells will likely serve future needs.

Expanding Our Mission

At Spring Point Project—in addition to working with Dr. Hering—we are identifying and working with researchers around the country and the world, aggressively encouraging collaboration among scientists and fostering progress toward a cure.

We are also working with several researchers who are utilizing our porcine materials, such as livers and other tissue, to perform research in other areas of medical science.

Being a nonprofit organization allows us to combine the support of our many philanthropic donors with the revenue from customers. This enables us to create the lowest-cost islet product possible, allowing more research money to be used for science instead of raw material supply.

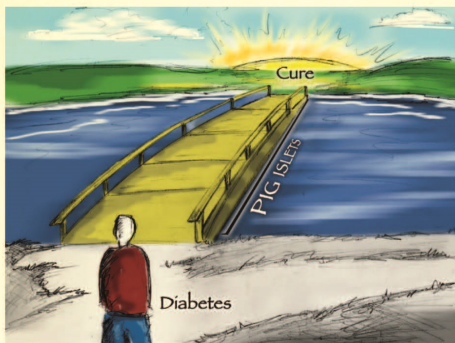
SPRING POINT PROJECT FACILITY

The 21,000-square-foot Diabetes Research and Wellness Islet Resource Facility—home to Spring Point Project—was opened in 2007. In full operation, the facility is capable of housing approximately 100 to 150 young through adult pigs for use in clinical applications. This facility is the only FDA-“approved” porcine islet facility in the United States.

HOPE

“I have heard the hopes, the claims and, at times, even the hype. I believe that this project is fundamentally different. Yes, we are close to a cure for diabetes!”

—MIKE GRETSCHEL, Diabetes Research and Wellness Islet Resource Facility volunteer president and Spring Point Project board member



Whatever It Takes

We remain as committed to supporting the science needed to create a world without diabetes as ever. Our mission now is to continue to grow in order to do whatever it takes to cure diabetes.

We know it will take time and funding. We could not have accomplished all the success we've realized so far without the generosity and support of our many donors.

When you give to Spring Point Project, you help provide hope for tens of thousands of people living with Type 1 diabetes.



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