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THE FOCUS FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$1 MILLION DONATION THROUGH PINEAPPLE FUND

The anonymous donor, “Pine” has donated \$1 million dollars worth of Bitcoin to increase World Wide awareness and Improved Care of Children with X and Y Chromosomal Variations to a local non-profit organization.

Davidsonville, MD: The Focus Foundation, the only nonprofit research organization specializing in the research and treatment of children with X and Y chromosomal variations, is thrilled and honored to be chosen to receive a large donation from the Pineapple Fund. This gift will shorten the diagnostic odyssey for families throughout the world and lead to earlier identification and treatment of these common occurring but rarely diagnosed chromosomal disorders.

Our research caught the eye of the anonymous Bitcoin charity fund, The Pineapple Fund, in its quest to donate a staggering \$86 million worth of Bitcoin to charitable causes. “Pine” has recently made news for its charitable use of cryptocurrency, which required an online application for consideration. Donations range from \$50,000 to \$5 million to those charities selected, and The Focus Foundation was selected for a \$1 million donation, a record breaking one-time gift for The Foundation

Our Promise at the Focus Foundation is to promote innovative and novel research throughout the world on X and Y chromosomal variations, dyslexia, and developmental dyspraxia. One in every 500 children are born each day with an additive X or Y chromosomes, but 75% of all cases will remain undiagnosed in their lifetime. The Focus Foundation seeks to spread the awareness and increase the earliest diagnosis possible and targeted treatment to allow each child to reach his or her full potential.

As a nonprofit organization relying solely on personal donations, this charitable gift will have a life changing effect for many children living across the globe with X and Y chromosome variations. With its donation The Focus Foundation will be able to:

- Expand educational and medical conferences with training globally.
- Augment biological research and its relationship to the physical and developmental presentation of each disorder.
- Develop standard of care for all appropriate medical specialty and promote targeted treatment.

About The Focus Foundation: Based out of Davidsonville, MD and founded in 2005 by Dr. Carole Samango-Sprouse and Jackie Bucksbaum, The Focus Foundation has the largest clinic study group of 49, XXXXY, as well as over 1000 patients followed with 47, XXY. Current educational conferences are available in Maryland, San Francisco, Florida, Chicago, the UK, Italy, with hopes to expand to Canada and Australia.