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Dr.K.V.Ravishankar and Dr.Uma Ravishanar Usha Kiran Eye Hospital Mysore, India.

Dear Dr Ranishankar,

Greetings from HelpAge India!

I am happy to learn that Dr. K.V Ravishankar, Managing Trustee and Dr Uma Ravishankar, Associate Director of Usha Kiran Eye Hospital, Mysore, Karnataka, India are being nominated for the Humanitarian Award by American Society for Cataract and refractive (ASCRS), USA.

HelpAge India is a national level voluntary organisation working for the cause and care of senior citizens in the country for the last 40 years. Our programme interventions for the disadvantaged older persons are focused on providing health, income and emotional security to the elderly. This intervention has shown a substantial improvement in the community's health status, not just through medical treatments, but via numerous activities to educate people on preventive health measures, active ageing, enrolment in all the government schemes, and eradication of cataract blindness. We are proud to partner with Usha Kiran Eye Hospital for these cataract operations.

Usha Kiran Eye Hospital is creditable organisation has made a significant role in our cataract eradication programme starting from 2001-2002 in 5 districts of Karnataka. This programme has benefited around 6573 elderly who received free cataract surgeries. For reaching these beneficiaries Usha Kiran Eye Hospital conducted over 80 free eye screening camps in the needlest locations and brought quality eye care services to the door steps for not just the elderly but the community at large. The intervention spread awareness on various age related morbidities and encouraged the community to seek better health care services.

On behalf of HelpAge International and HelpAge India I commend their efforts and wish them huge success in their endeavours.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely

Mathew Cherian

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