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To Whomsoever It May Concern

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I consider it a privilege to write about this humanistic Dr. couple, both eye specialists, like minded , thrilled to see them fully embraced as their passion to provide eye care to children from newborns. Unimaginable what their life would have been but for the treatment they received with loving care from Dr. Ravishankar and Dr. Uma. That too free. Service to children with smile.

Combination of quality treatment, care and love, and no fee. More and more patients/children needing eye care. Most striking is that the children are all from economically vulnerable families. Dr. Ravishankar and Dr. Uma are God. The kids are continually observed and it was pleasure seeing them grow in confidence and excitement in being able lead to their lives.

Dr. Uma's family is known to us and then Dr. Ravishankar. I have been at the inaugural of Usha Kiran Hospital , high tech hospital in Mysore . At the function I was amazed to see so many leading doctors , most notably Dr.Badrinath, founder of Sankar Nethralaya, Dr. Ravishankar's mentor. The Industrialist philanthropist who sponsored the hospital another mentor. Grand ambitious start of a hospital. Big project for the cute city of Mysore.

As the Hon. Secretary of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan I was making frequent trips to Mysore for education projects. These trips helped me to meet with Dr. Ravishankar frequently and get to know progress of the hospital and his plans for the future. As a person with immense professional experience was very impressed with the clarity and vision Dr. had and implementation ability. The couple believed that with the support from philanthropic foundations/ groups and individuals they could play a very vital role in providing treatment to the children from economically weaker sections and make an Impact. Laudable thinking to utilise their skills for the benefit of the poor children instead of focusing on richer families to make big profits for the hospital. They joined hands with Rotary in arranging eye camps. Dr. Ravishankar also offered his services to visit other developing countries in Asia and Africa.

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I am honest if I say after watching them very closely and quiet frequently I am amazed at their dedication and commitment and they are fully and totally " Persons of actions ". Thoughts float around wishing how nice it would be for India if there were many more Dr. Ravishankar and Dr. Uma. Needless to say these dedicated people become models for others and make such an impact in society I wouldn't hesitate to say they are champions of Impact. Decades of association with the Doctor Couple. Pleasant, gifted, blessed persons. To run a hospital this philanthropic way tremendous efforts by Dr. Ravishankar to arrange for funds from India and abroad a herculian task. Dr is doing it again with a smile. An amazing person.

Once took Padma Sri Awardee Dr. Mathoor Krishnamoorthi, Director, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) , a renowned scholar, speaker , educationist, sage like, well known intellectual to Usha Kiran Hospital. He was taken around by Dr. Ravishankar explaining the vision and mission of providing eyesight to children of the poor at no cost. Further the work is to reach out to the rural by organising camps in association with Rotary. Shri. Mathoorji who served as head of London BVB knows what it takes to have such lofty ideals, ambitions and aspirations blessed both of them saying you are Persons of actions and wishing them all success. So happy I am to watch the progress overcoming all odds.

Swami Vivekananda's quote comes to my mind,

"Purity, patience and perseverance are three essentials to success and above all, love".

Dr. Ravishankar and Dr. Uma personified Swami's quote.

An ideal, deserving couple for the award, As persons of Action and Champions of Impact.

My blessings and wishes,



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