

L V Prasad Eye Institute

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing this letter to enthusiastically support the nomination of Dr. K V Ravi Shankar and Dr. Uma Ravi Shankar of Mysore, India.

Trained in many leading Indian institutions, these doctors have blossomed over the years into world-class ophthalmologists. Following their training, they set up their practice in Mysore. Within a few years, they embarked on larger missions aimed at eliminating needless blindness in their state. The couple have further expanded their activity to other countries, with West Africa as their major focus geographic area. Along with a team of motivated ophthalmologists, they have provided direct care, training of local eye care professionals, and supported the capacity building of local organizations. Thus, they have created a path to multiply the impact of their efforts.

Indeed, their record is exemplary and is inspiring many others to emulate them.

Through all these, the Ravi Shankar couple touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of people from among disadvantaged populations.

This impactful contribution is certainly deserving of the "Champions of Impact Award" from Rotary International.

Sincerely,



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