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TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN

Rtn. Dr. K. V. Ravishankar and his wife Dr. Uma Ravishankar are known to most of the Rotarians in RI District 3181 and 3190 since a long time. The couple have established themselves as well-known Ophthalmologists in Mysore and they have earned the repute through their service to the downtrodden suffering from eye ailments. They were closely associated with Rotary Ivory City Mysuru since its inception by associating themselves in conducting Eye Screening Camps and providing eye surgeries at subsidised rates and sometimes free of cost.

He was instrumental in Rotary Ivory City Mysuru conducting two major Eye Screening and General Medical Check-up camps in Mysore during 2015 and 2019 where more than 2500 patients were examined and provided free medicines and spectacles to over 750 people. These camps were held in association with Rotary Club of Bradford U. K. and with the support of doctors from the U.K. and other parts of India. Nearly 75 cataract surgeries were performed at Usha Kiran Charitable Trust Eye Hospital in Mysore owned by the doctor couple. Such camps are being conducted every alternative year by Rotary Ivory City Mysuru and Usha Kiran Charitable Trust Eye Hospital.

Dr. Ravishankar is a dedicated Rotarian and has been doing yeomen service in the field of Eye care, specially Paediatric Eye Care along with Dr. Uma Ravishankar since the establishment of their charitable eye hospital since 1995. With his support and guidance, Rotary Ivory City Mysuru has applied for a Global Grant and got the sanction for Rs. 32 Lakhs from the Rotary Foundation. The project Ivory Tender Vision was completed in two years with the support of Usha Kiran Charitable Trust Eye Hospital. As a part of this project about 30000 children from Government Primary Schools in RI District 3181 were examined and 2500 children were identified for treatment. Free spectacles were distributed to nearly 750 children and provided surgeries to more than 60 children.

He has shown special liking for making a difference in children suffering from eye ailments. He treated and cured almost all of them by providing corrective surgeries. This liking for children's eye care has prompted him to treat large number of children suffering from Paediatric Cataract, Childhood Glaucoma, Droopy Eyelids, Squint, Lazy Eyes etc., and provided them with quality life by providing not only better sight to them but also inculcating confidence in them by helping them to

overcome the psychological stigma associated with some of the eye ailments.

Rotary Ivory City Mysuru considering his services has conferred "Nethrarakshak Award Citation" in 2019.

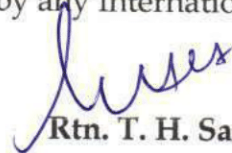
Dr. Ravi and Dr Uma not only worked in India but also spread their services to far and wide. Dr. Ravishankar is a Rotary Volunteer and is a member of Rotary International's Avoidable Blindness Campaign. He has participated in Mercy Ship project quite a number of times and provided eye care services. His main contribution outside India is his by providing eye care to countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia. All these eye care services were done under difficult circumstances. It was always fascinating to listen to Dr. Ravi about his experience in those countries.

Over the last two decades or so we have seen Dr. Ravishankar and Dr. Uma engaging in the service to the humanity and the joy they get in doing the selfless service to humanity. We have been observing this lovely couple and their commitment to the underprivileged sections of the society and that only prompted us in Rotary Ivory City Mysuru to become part of their journey in doing service.

Rotary Ivory City Mysuru wish all the very best for all his future endeavour and recommend strongly for any award to be conferred to him by any International Agency.

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