

November 1, 2023

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that I have known Dr. K V Ravishankar for over ten years.

I knew him earlier as an active board member of then Rotarian Action Group for Blindness Prevention (RAG4BP) (now Blindness Prevention Rotary Action Group). However, I met him for the first time at the board meeting of RAG4BP held at the Rotary International Convention, Lisbon, Portugal in June 2013.

I am familiar with his community service activities in and around his hometown of Mysore and also his much talked about overseas visits to serve the needy. He has made it his life's mission to fight against childhood blindness, both in India and abroad.

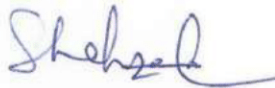
He has a well-equipped modern eye hospital with all the latest equipment. He still likes serving the needy, who otherwise cannot afford the treatment, ever since starting the eye hospital in 1995.

For the last fifteen years, he has developed a strong pediatric community ophthalmology program in South Karnataka, India, as the disease in children leads to permanent visual deficits for their entire lives. He and his team have been doing a huge quantum of high-quality pediatric community ophthalmology work since the year 2007-2008. All these screenings, examinations, spectacles and major eye surgeries have been done at no cost to the beneficiaries.

I am very glad to note that many Rotary clubs and Rotary districts have supported this work in a major way since the year 1998. The Rotary Foundation also has strongly supported this program with many Matching Grants and many Global Grants in the last twenty years.

I would like to see Dr. K V. Ravishankar be recognized by Rotary International as a "Champion of Impact". Please feel free to contact me if you would like to get additional information in this regard.

Yours In Rotary,



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"Service Above Self" Award, "Regional Service Award for Polio-Free World" & "Citation for Meritorious Service"

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District Grants Subcommittee Chair (2018-24) | Member - Council on Legislation (2020-23)

Rotary Coordinator Zone 1B - Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia (2020-23)

Director - Indus Peace Park Society (www.induspeacepark.org)

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