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TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN

Rtn. Dr. K. V. Ravishankar is known to me for more than 20 years as a Rotarian and as a service minded ophthalmologist of repute. He along with his wife Dr. Uma started Usha Kiran Charitable Eye Hospital in Mysore with only service Motto during 1995. They are serving patients in and around Mysore who are suffering from different types of eye ailments ever since the establishment of the hospital.

Not only they have one of most modern Eye Hospitals in Mysore, with all latest equipment, but are serving poor and needy people who otherwise wouldn't have the capacity to get such treatment at affordable cost.

Dr. K V Ravishankar has been a Rotarian for over 25 years and he has been very consistently serving the needy for a long time as I have seen him. He has been very focused and persistent in the service front for the longest period of time.

His developed a special liking for making a difference in children with eye ailments either by birth or because of lack of awareness about the eye defects. He treated and cured almost all of them as far as I know without charging them much and in several cases at free of cost. This liking for children's eye care has prompted him treating large number children suffering from Pediatric Cataracts, Squint, Child hood Glaucoma and Droopy Lids. This has improved the vision and prevented Lazy eyes. Squint eye surgery and droopy eye lid surgery, improved not only the vision of the patients but also developed confidence in the patients which resulted in overcoming the psychological stigma attached to kids especially girl child with odd looking eyes.

Many of the fascinating stories that he has shared will bring tears of joy.

In fact he along with his team of volunteers have screened close to 400,000 children and provided spectacles to over 11,000 needy children and close to 315 kids have undergone major eye surgeries. This has been done through over 650 outreach campaigns and visiting over 1700 schools in five southern districts of Karnataka during the last decade and half. This is a humongous data. All these eye testing, providing spectacles and conducting major eye surgeries have been done at no cost to beneficiaries.

It makes me so happy to note that, he has volunteered overseas 22 times so far in countries where poor eye care facilities are existing. He conducted eye surgeries under difficult conditions where very little facilities are available for conducting eye surgeries. He and his colleagues conducted several surgeries in back ward countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia. Even in his overseas visits Dr. Ravishankar has focused mainly on childhood blindness.

Over the last 20 years, I have been closely watching Dr. Ravi and Dr. Uma and the joy they get in doing Yeoman Service to humanity. I have been observing this lovely couple and their commitment to the underprivileged sections of the society only prompt me to come and be a part of their journey in doing service.

It is my sincere wish that Dr. K V. Ravishankar is an unequivocal candidate to be conferred the award of “**Champion of Impact**” of Rotary International.

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