



Rotary Avoidable Blindness Foundation

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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

The Rotary Avoidable Blindness Foundation was established with the main objective of supporting Rotary clubs in implementing Community Eye-care projects to prevent unnecessary blindness in partnership with reputed Eye hospitals or surgically active ophthalmologists.

We have been closely working with **Rtn.Dr. K.V.Ravishankar** and **Dr. Uma Ravishankar** of Usha Kiran Eye Hospital, Mysore for many years mainly in the area of School Students Eye Screening Programs to provide spectacles for refractive errors and supporting Children eye surgeries.

Under the aegis of Global Grant Program of the Rotary Foundation we have supported Usha Kiran Eye Hospital by providing 2,000 spectacles and subsidy for over 100 children eye surgeries. Through such projects we have had several opportunities to closely work with Rtn.Dr. K.V.Ravishankar and Dr. Uma Ravishankar and found that both are highly dedicated and committed to the community work.

Apart from serving the community in the radius of 75 Kms of Mysore, Dr. Ravishankar has done extensive voluntary work in many African Countries and Bangladesh for the last two decades performing over 1300 free surgeries, both for adults and children. He has spearheaded a medical team of ophthalmologists and anaesthetist a couple of times to the Gambia mainly to perform Children eye surgeries. I had the good fortune of accompanying the team on both the occasions as a Rotary volunteer and was amazed at the leadership skills of Dr. Ravishankar in putting together the team, discussing with NGOs and suppliers for procuring the required medical consumables and motivating the medical staff of the local hospital, all for the cause of children eye surgeries.

I take this opportunity to wish **Rtn. Dr. K.V. Ravishankar** and **Dr. Uma Ravishankar** good health and continued enthusiasm to support service projects in the years to come.



(M.V.Ravikumar)