



September 10, 2019

To whom it may concern,

My name is Catherine Lamorena, and I am Vice President of Programs for SEE International. I am writing to recommend Drs. KV Ravishankar and Uma Ravishankar for recognition of their humanitarian service around the globe.

SEE International is a nonprofit based in Santa Barbara, CA, dedicated to ending avoidable blindness everywhere. SEE creates access to critically important vision care in more than 40 countries around the world, including here in the US. Together with our heroic medical volunteers, we provide essential and transformative vision care to underserved populations, free of charge to the patient.

SEE works to ensure everyone can get the vision care they need, regardless of where they live or their ability to pay. Since 1974, we have examined more than 4 million patients and performed over half a million sight-restoring surgeries.

Drs. Ravishankar have volunteered their surgical expertise in providing humanitarian eye care at 9 SEE clinics over the years. Their work in Zambia, the Gambia, Bangladesh, and Honduras providing retinal, pediatric, and cataract surgeries has changed countless lives for the better in these countries. Their charitable work has also continued in their home country, where they have hosted several volunteers at Mysore, India, and provided care for cataract and vitreoretinal cases. They restored hope to patients, family, and community members who can lead full lives with the gift of sight.

I hope this confirmation of their humanitarian service is helpful to you in evaluating their candidacy for the ASCRS Chang Humanitarian Award. If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via email (catherine@seeintl.org).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Catherine", with a long, flowing horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Catherine Lamorena
Vice President of Programs
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