



Globe Eye Foundation

A Decade of Service in Eye Care
1996 - 2006



Treatable blindness

Treatable blindness, mainly cataract (80 percent) is the biggest challenge we are facing today. There are over 20 million people in India, 0.8 million in Karnataka who are blind due to cataract.

The number of persons affected is constantly increasing as the population is ageing and is threatening to double by the year 2020. It is estimated that to eliminate treatable blindness, more than 14 million quality operations need to be carried out each year.

It is hitting the socio-economically poor who are not able to pay for their treatment. It costs only Rs. 1000/- to perform a cataract operation and we have enough ophthalmologists who can be trained to do this operation.



About GEF

The Globe Eye Foundation is a registered charitable and non-profit trust. Founded in February 1995, its primary objective has been to take quality eye-care services to different areas of the state, especially the rural areas. The success achieved has encouraged the trust towards the vision to duplicate it at every district. More than 80 percent of the surgeries that the model hospital performs are free of cost to the patient. GEF believes that it is time philanthropists and eye-care specialists come together to create the infrastructure to fight eye afflictions such as cataract.

Our Supporters And Donors

The following have provided us support in the form of donations for equipment or supporting the cost of free services:

- Ministry of Health, Govt. of India
- District Blindness Control Society (DBCS)
- Help Age India
- Ramakrishna Math, Ulsoor
- Rotary Club of Bangalore, Indiranagar
- Rotary Club of Whitefield
- Later Day Saints Charities
- Dr. Vijaya Kanagali
- All other donors

A Short History

We started a hospital in a modest way in Feb 1996 in a rented house in Hoskote about 26 km from Bangalore. Folks in and around the area appreciated our work. Our dream was to build a self contained full fledged Eye Hospital.

After prolonged efforts we purchased a piece of land near the highway NH4 in 2001, and drew up plans for a modern eye hospital.

Our dream was finally realized and the new building was inaugurated in 2005. It has a built up area of 14,000 sq ft with a free service section, complete with OPD, 3 Operating Theatres, Wards and a Canteen and a good paying section. The hospital has an excellent team of dedicated ophthalmologists and staff.



The hospital in Hoskote where it all started

Short-Term Goals

The new hospital has enough infrastructure to house all the super specialties and perform up to 100 operations in a day. In the coming years, efforts will be made to utilize these facilities to the maximum. We have set ourselves a few targets for the next 3 years:

1. To perform 1000 cataract operations in a month
2. To activate fully, all the super specialty clinics
3. To provide training to 20 ophthalmologists every year in SICS and PHACO surgery
4. To start an Eye Bank.
5. To start a Vitro- retinal clinic
6. To start a B.Sc./ Diploma course for ophthalmic assistants



The new modern eye hospital inaugurated in 2005



Alleviating Blindness

Cataract is the major cause of blindness. It can be surgically treated and full eye sight restored. The technology for the operation has been greatly advanced and simplified and nowadays the operation can be completed in a few minutes and the patient can go home the same day.

We have been steadily increasing the number of patients operated, maintaining extremely high standards. Currently we are doing about 4000 surgeries per year, with 90 percent being free. The total number of operations up to March 2006 is 22,566.

Activities of GEF



School children screening

We carry out from time to time, screening of school children for eye related problems which can be treated at early stages. These include Vitamin A deficiency, squint and refraction problems. We encourage and train school teachers to detect such problems in their students.

GEF's In-reach Program



Free Service:

GEF's main thrust is in the area of cataract blindness. The three districts around our hospital, ie. Kolar, Bangalore Rural and Urban are covered through regular eye camps where patients are examined and the deserving ones are brought to the hospital for surgery. These patients are given free transport, food and medicines. Suture-less Small Incision Cataract operations (SICS) are done with Intra-Ocular Lens (IOL) implantation. They are returned to their homes after one day of the surgery and followed up for 6 weeks. In a month,

Training personnel

The small incision cataract surgery has revolutionized cataract operations and our chairman is one of the leading exponents of this technique. Several upcoming ophthalmologists are eagerly approaching us to learn the technique. We are providing training to such persons. To date we have given training to 65 aspiring surgeons.



Our Objectives

- Best of Eye care to the poorest of the poor
- Elimination of treatable blindness

Eye health education

We have carried out, in cooperation with other organizations, street plays and exhibitions in rural areas, depicting various aspects of eye care and treatment of eye diseases with a view to increasing awareness.

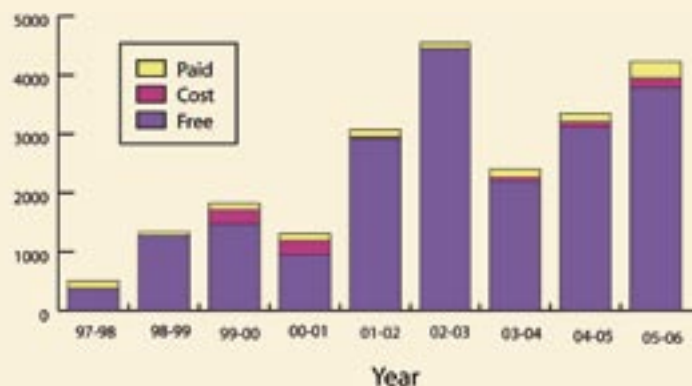


8 to 10 camps are held and about 2000 patients get examined and about 300 to 400 get operated.

Paid Service

The hospital has a very good paid section. Apart from general ophthalmic clinic, there are specialty clinics in Retina, Glaucoma and Contact Lens. In addition to Phaco emulsifications for cataract, the hospital has competence for glaucoma, squint, oculoplasty and lachrymal sac surgeries. The service is comparable to the best in the city and yet, the charges are grossly subsidized.

Performance over 9 years



What you can do

Donations big or small are most welcome to serve our common cause.

Here are some ways you can channel your donations:

Corpus Fund towards upgrading our infrastructure

Our immediate requirements are:

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| 1. Minibus (30 Seater) to transport patients between camps and hospital | Rs. 10 Laks |
| 2. Green Laser for diabetic Retinopathy and Glaucoma: | Rs. 12 laks |
| 3. Operating Microscope with camera attachment: | Rs. 12 laks |
| 4. Automated Field Analyser for glaucoma management | Rs. 8 laks |
| 5. YAG Laser for use in capsulotomy and glaucoma management | Rs 8 laks |

Sponsor Cataract Surgeries:

- Rs 1000/- will give eye sight to one person
- Single day free surgeries, Rs 50,000/- will give sight to 50 persons.
- Year-after-year on a single day: Rs 15,000/- per year.
- Adopt a village of your choice within 50 km of Hoskote. We will conduct annual camps and conduct surgeries dedicated to you in our hospital. You can let us know the budget.



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Dr. Sunder Ram Shetty, Chairman, GEF.
Dr. Shetty is a reputed, experienced and
dedicated ophthalmic surgeon

From the Chairman's Desk

I had a vision - Best of eye-care to the poorest of the poor even at the remotest place. Globe Eye Foundation was conceived to realize that vision.

We have recently completed a decade of service, delivering the best of eye care to the rural folk of Karnataka. We know that many more milestones will have to be passed before we rest. Nevertheless, efforts during the decade have given us a sense of fulfilment and spirit to do more.

On this occasion, we rededicate ourselves to the cause and assure a better and a wider service.

We remember all our donors with a profound sense of gratitude. They kept us company, helping us reach this far. We aspire for their continued support for the rest of the journey too.

We have made a promise to ourselves to make the eye-care facility reach the unreached and we will continue to strive hard to keep it.

Dr Sunder Ram Shetty

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Eyesight is the most valuable gift you can give a fellow human being. I commend the efforts of the Globe Eye Foundation in restoring eyesight to thousands

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