



**SANKARA NETHRALAYA OPHTHALMIC MISSION TRUST, INC.**

**SANKARA NETHRALAYA, CHENNAI, INDIA**

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Dear friend & well wisher,

This is Dr Badrinath wishing you and family my warm spring time greetings!

Hope this mail finds self and family in the best of health and cheer!

I take this opportunity to join Shri S.V Acharya, Founder and President Emeritus and Bala Reddy Indurti Garu, President, SN OM Trust, our awareness creation and support mobilizing arm in the US, to touch base with you and share a few thoughts on the progress and activities of an institution which you hold close to your heart and have supported consistently.

One of our primary goals at the time of our inception more than 40 years ago was to bring the lost light and joy of vision back into the face of indigent visually impaired by providing them world class eye care, dispensed with a personal touch and totally cost free and reviving their lost livelihood. I take great pleasure in sharing that today the institution treats around 50% of patients totally cost free; 36% of total surgeries and 49% of outpatient screening were performed totally cost free last year to poor patients who cannot afford to pay for their eye care, this includes not only simple cataract surgeries but the most complex ophthalmic processes. It is a matter of great pride that a significant percent of financial support for the above operations came from Indians settled in the USA, a sign of their heart beating for their nation and it's socially and economically underprivileged although they live thousands of miles away. The SN OM Trust our tax exempt fund raising arm in the US which translates their concern into action by transferring their donations to India, operates with the least overheads, as it is manned by unpaid volunteers, this results in the transfer of almost the entire funds collected towards cost free treatment of poor patients at Sankara Nethralaya, ensuring highest value for every \$ you donate!

I take pleasure in sharing that our fund raising arm has grown along with us not only in terms of increasing volumes of funds collected and deployed towards cost free eye care each year but in its rising credibility. Year 2018, the 30th year of its operation witnessed it being declared as an 'International Independent Agency' approved to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) by the US government and this year (2019) it has been declared as a '3 Star Charity' by 'Charity Navigator' the leading evaluation and certification agency for Charities in the USA.

We seek your continued support and patronage for our cost free services whose need is rising exponentially, especially for the completion of our most ambitious 46,274 sq ft eye care facility dedicated exclusively to cost free eye care coming up at Chennai. This facility will be the largest such initiative in the private sector, offering world class eye care, food, shelter, treatment and medicines and free transport from and back to their villages, to a large number of visually impaired from all over the country. We are also embarking on a very critical mission of screening 100,000 needy children in rural schools from June 2019 - May 2020 at a cost of \$1 per child! With your good wishes and support.

My best wishes to you and your family!

Warm Regards

Dr SS.Badrinath

Founder & Chairman Emeritus, Sankara Nethalaya



**Joyful beneficiaries at SN's MESU surgical camp at a village**



**Children being screened at a village school**

**We take pleasure in sharing the details of patients treated cost free in the year 2018-19 thanks to the donations made by well wishers like your good self**

In Patient Services for the year 2018-19	
Category	Numbers
Paying	41,095
Free	22,810
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,905</b>

Out Patient Services for the year 2018-19	
Category	Numbers
Paying	448,156
Free	422,294
<b>Total</b>	<b>870,450</b>

**We seek your continued support as we progress in our battle against blindness**

Donation Scheme	
\$65- for 1 cataract surgery	\$ 290- Rural Tele-ophthalmology camp 1 day
\$250- for 1 major surgery	\$300 - Rural school screening camp for 1 day
\$ 700- 1 Perpetual cataract surgery 12 years	\$ 2,600- approximately 40 surgeries per day
\$ 2,200- 1 Perpetual major surgery 12 years	\$ 25,000- Naming a room
<b>General Corpus fund for community outreach programs : Any Amount</b>	

**To Donate Online : [www.sankaranethralayausa.org](http://www.sankaranethralayausa.org) Checks to be made on: SN OM Trust Inc, And mailed to S.V. Acharya, 9710 Traville Gateway Drive, No. 392, Rockville, MD 20850 All donations to SN OM Trust tax exempt in the US**

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