



COMBAT BLINDNESS FOUNDATION



THANK YOU

- There are 37 million blind people in the world.
- 90 percent live in developing countries.
- 80 percent have treatable or preventable blindness.
- Over half of all this blindness is caused by cataracts.

If we do nothing, it is estimated that world blindness will double and there will be 74 million blind by 2020.

A Solution in Sight for 25 years

For the past 25 years the Combat Blindness Foundation has screened over 650,000 patients, supported over 130,000 free cataract surgeries, and treated more than 30,000 suffering from malnutrition and Xerophthalmia (blindness due to Vitamin A deficiency).

Committed to Sustainable Solutions for the Future

CBF is committed to creating sustainable solutions to eliminate avoidable blindness through effective disease control, medical facility development and medical personnel training.

By creating a solid eye care infrastructure and training a capable workforce, we increase our capacity to combat the backlog of cataract cases and treat emerging eye care issues. This allows us to bring quality eye care to the doorsteps of the rural poor.

Disease Control

- Funding a 20 minute cataract operation for \$20.
- Treating children suffering from malnutrition and Xerophthalmia by providing nutrition screening, food supplementation, Vitamin A boosters, vaccines, and health education.

Medical Facility Development

- Initial funding of local Vision Centers (VC) that provide primary eye care service. VC will become self-sustaining in 1-3 years.
- Initial funding of Community Surgical Centers (CSC) that provide modern cataract and other eye surgeries. CSC will become self-sustaining in 3-5 years.

Medical Personnel Training

- Providing scholarships to train vision technicians and paramedical personnel, who will be employed in a Vision Center or Community Surgical Center.



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Combat Blindness Foundation (CBF)
Established in Madison, Wisconsin



First two-year Xerophthalmia Project launched in collaboration with Sitapur Eye Hospital, Sitapur, India.

CBF supports the creation of AuroLab at Aravind Eye Hospital to produce quality intraocular lenses, providing them at cost to non-profit organizations in 120 developing countries, making quality surgery available to the poor for the first time!



CBF begins collaboration with the L.V. Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, India.

CBF supports creation of suture factory at AuroLab at Aravind Eye Care Systems, Madurai, India.



CBF begins collaboration with Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, New Delhi, India.

CBF begins support of Tarabai Desai Eye Hospital, Jodhpur, India.

CBF is charter member of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight, a global coalition, in partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB).



CBF sponsors local eye care projects in collaboration with the Lions Club Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya; Nkonjeni Hospital, Ulundi, South Africa; and Mahatma Gandhi Hospital, Durban, South Africa.

CBF begins collaboration with Usha Kiran Eye Hospital, Mysore, India.



CBF sponsored local eye camps in Gambia, Africa.



CBF is committed to sustainable solutions for the prevention and treatment of blindness for the world's poor.

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YES! I would like to become **A Solution in Sight** with my enclosed gift of \$ _____
(Please make check payable to Combat Blindness Foundation).

Name _____

Organization Affiliation (If Applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Mail to: Combat Blindness Foundation, PO Box 5332, Madison WI 53705-0332

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FUTURE

CBF sponsored first four eye camps at King George's Medical College (KGMC), Lucknow, India.



Provided eye care to 1,328 patients and free cataract surgery to 319.

CBF begins collaboration with Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai, India.

CBF begins support of UW Health Free Community Eye Care Clinic, Madison, Wisconsin.



Dr. Suresh Chandra awarded the Outstanding Humanitarian Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Suresh Chandra and CBF begins mentoring relationship with SAIVA (Students Action for India's Aid & Volunteerism), a student service organization at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



CBF established Gujarat Project, Sabarkanta District, Gujarat in collaboration with Blind Relief & Health Association.

CBF celebrates first World Sight Day.



CBF holds its first Sight Walk to raise awareness of avoidable blindness.

CBF establishes CBF-India.



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After years of traveling to India, Thailand, Indonesia, and Kenya to lecture and demonstrate technologically advanced retina and vitreous surgery at various medical institutions, I realized that high tech surgery was not the answer to the overwhelming blindness that existed in developing countries. The major causes of

blindness in all developing countries were cataract in adults, vitamin A deficiency (xerophthalmia) in children, and trachoma. The idea that for only \$20 you could give sight to an individual and change their life excited and compelled me to start the Combat Blindness Foundation in 1984. Since then, I have met many individuals whose lives have been changed due to the gift of sight: grandfathers, mothers, sisters, brother, sons and daughters. These people inspire me to do more and I hope they inspire you. Together we can be the solution in sight.



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*In the five seconds
it takes you to read
this, one person
will go blind.*



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*Dedicated to eradicating
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