2014 at a Glance

Sharing this report with you is like a family celebration. You are a valued member of our Combat Blindness International family, and we are so happy to share the results of another year of working together to transform lives.

For those we serve, sight means everything.

It may mean being able to gather firewood for warmth or being able to plant seeds in fields to grow food. It could mean being able to go to school. For many people in the developing world, eyesight means survival.

We’ve accomplished a lot in 2014 by working together with our partner clinics in India, Kenya, Mali, Myanmar, Namibia, Paraguay, South Africa, and close to home here in Dane County, Wisconsin.
We’ve been able to:

• **Provide high-quality, safe cataract surgeries** to thousands of men and women, giving them the chance to see and work again.

• **Give the gift of eyesight to children in desperately poor villages.** Whether they needed glasses or surgery, boys and girls received it free of charge and now have a chance to go to school, play like children should be able to, and have new hope for their future.

• **Forge new partnerships in the Dane County community** to offer the opportunities of good eyesight to all children – not just those who can afford it.

You’ll find details about each of these accomplishments on the pages of this report. Keep reading!

No one should remain blind just because they can’t afford a $20 surgery or because they have no doctors near their village. Our commitment remains strong to bring the powerful gift of sight to people.

You have made so much transformation possible in 2014, and we thank you for that! We are in this together.

*Suresh Chandra, MD*  
**FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN**
INCOME

CHART VALUES

- 28% $182,930
- 26% $166,085
- 21% $134,560
- 20% $126,525
- 5% $25,882

TOTAL NET ASSETS $1,439,830

EXPENSES

- 77% $432,066
- 12% $64,482
- 11% $62,726

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INCOME

- GIFTS IN KIND
- INDIVIDUALS
- EVENTS
- GRANTS
- OTHER

EXPENSES

- PROGRAM
- MANAGEMENT & GENERAL
- FUNDRAISING
2014 Financials at a Glance

ASIA

- **Aravind Eye Hospital • Madurai, India** $9,527 25 Vitrectomy Surgical Kits
- **Ayodhya Eye Hospital • Ayodhya, India** $10,000 1013 Adults Cataract Surgeries
- **Bhubaneswar (L.V. Prasad) Eye Institute Bhubaneswar, India** $23,071 185 Vitrectomy Surgical Kits
- **Gujarat Project Meghraj, Surat, Sankheda, Bhavnagar, Chikhodra, Vadodara, India** $83,719 185 Vitrectomy Surgical Kits
- **Schroff’s Charity Eye Hospital Rampur Clinic Rampur, India**
- **Sitapur Eye Hospital • Sitapur, India** $20,000 1013 Adults Cataract Surgeries
- **Tarabai Desai Eye Hospital • Jodhpur, India** $15,000 1013 Adults Cataract Surgeries
- **Usha Kiran Eye Hospital • Mysore, India** $32,160 1013 Adults Cataract Surgeries
- **Dawei Buddhist Hospital • Dawei, Myanmar** $142,552 1013 Adults Cataract Surgeries

AFRICA

- **IOTA University of Bamako Eye Department Bamako, Mali** $875 IOLs & Consumables for 1013 Adults Cataract Surgeries
- **Lions Sight First Eye Hospital Nairobi, Kenya**
- **African Vision Durban, South Africa** $13,940 1013 Adults Cataract Surgeries
- **Ministry of Health & Social Services Windhoek, Namibia** $5,630 IOLs, Medical Supplies, Consumables & Equipment for 1013 Adults Cataract Surgeries

SOUTH AMERICA

- **Fundación Visión • Asuncion, Paraguay** $3,566 1013 Adults Cataract Surgeries

USA

- **Madison Metropolitan School District Vision Project • Madison, WI, USA** $11,551 Vision Photo Screener & Lea Charts for School Screenings
- **Right to Sight Eye Clinic • Madison, WI, USA** $15,000 Optometrist Eye Exams & Glasses

Note: The numbers represent the total financial contributions for each project and the number of surgeries or screenings provided.

Screened more than 220,000 students in blindness prevention program.

Free Right to Sight Clinic
Cataract Surgeries

Combat Blindness International is committed to the quality – not just quantity – of surgeries. We believe that all people, no matter where they live, are entitled to the best possible quality of care. Our commitment to quality means that men, women, and children receive safe surgery with good results.

Quality requires commitment.

In our 30 year history, Combat Blindness International has shown long-term dedication to our medical partners, which has meant a continuous strengthening of their resources. We work diligently to ensure that our partners are not only able to treat more patients but are providing high-quality, safe care.
22,643 Cataract surgeries performed

101,146 Patients screened in 2014

With the support of Combat Blindness International, our medical partners are able to purchase and maintain up-to-date equipment, and hire and retain qualified personnel.

As time spent in a single community increases, so too does the trust of the local population. Local villagers bring blind and vision-impaired friends and relatives because they know they can count on the services provided by Combat Blindness International.

The result? Thousands of men, women, and children are able to see clearly, and families and communities are freed from the burden of blindness.
Eyesight for Kids

Think about your children, grandchildren, or nieces and nephews. Don’t we want them to have lives of freedom, learning, and play?

Parents and grandparents in the developing world want the very same thing.

When children are born with a disability like blindness or low-vision, that dream is often impossible.

In the communities where we work, families don’t have many options to arrange care for their children. When it’s already a struggle to secure a day’s worth of food, sparing time for medical treatment is nearly impossible.

When families live far away from good-quality medical clinics, they face a journey of several days on foot just to visit a doctor.

But you made it possible for us to bring care directly to their villages through a school-based pediatric eye care program.
Our medical partners bring ophthalmic equipment to the schools where children are fitted with prescriptions that improve their vision, allowing many to see for the first time ever! When children are diagnosed with conditions requiring surgery, we provide complimentary transportation for the child and a family member.

By restoring eyesight to these children, you have given them the chance to play, dream, and go to school like other kids.

We know that we can’t solve all the problems for these children, but you have given them a powerful tool that will impact their entire future. Thank you for making this possible!

67,610 Children screened in 2014
423 Sight-restoring surgeries performed
1120 Glasses provided
Helping Kids Close to Home

There’s been a lot of talk about how to address the achievement gap in Madison schools. The problem is very complex, and no one person can solve it all.

But we can all do our part to make a difference.

Combat Blindness International saw that we could make a difference by giving all children a chance to see clearly in order to have equal opportunity to learn. Technology is changing the game in every area of life, and eyesight is no different.

In 2014, Combat Blindness International supplied medical devices to the Madison Metropolitan School District that provide quick, accurate detection of vision problems – including cross-eyed or lazy eye conditions – which can lead to permanent vision loss without early intervention.

For children whose vision screening revealed a problem, a visit to an eye doctor is necessary. Combat Blindness International covers the cost of that follow-up care for the families who are unable to pay. By catching these problems early in a child’s life, we can completely correct the problem.
The economic, academic and social benefits of seeing clearly are huge. At Combat Blindness International, we know that we can’t solve all of the challenges for our patients – no matter where they live in the world – but we can do our part.

We’ve witnessed how that contribution is making a powerful difference every time we see pictures or videos of our patients seeing clearly for the first time. The smiles and tears on their faces remind us that this work must continue.

Thank you for making all of this possible! We could not do any of this without you.

If you have any questions about our programs or financials, please email our Executive Director, Melissa Witte, at mwitte@combatblindness.org.