



EFA's Vision



Newsletter of the Eye Foundation of America
Highlighting Education

Education



*Dr. Khakima,
Tajikistan*

This issue highlights the Foundation's work with education.

Along with service and research, it is one of EFA's three guiding principles. Education extends our work and makes it sustainable.

Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Tajikistan traveled to the Goutami Eye Institute in 2011 to learn more about methods they need to improve eye care in their home countries.

These young physicians or physicians-to-be traveled to Goutami to accept fellowships in specific areas during three- to six-month sessions known as fellowships. Dr. G. Madhavi, Medical Director, supervises their training.

Many come to learn and perfect the small incision method of cataract surgery, or to focus on pediatric ophthalmology. Visiting "fellows" return to their home countries armed with-

knowledge to help them join the global fight against avoidable blindness. Often, they will pass along their new knowledge to others who repeat the process, extending the Foundation's reach even farther.

The Eye Foundation offers similar opportunities for U.S. medical students to study and observe methods of delivering rural eye care to large populations by learning to do more with fewer resources.

EFA participates in exchange programs with other colleges throughout the world.



*Dr. Oguigo,
Nigeria*

This allows students from the U.S. and other countries to learn more about how medicine is practiced in countries and environments different from their own.

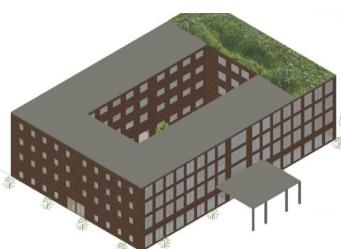
Your donation of \$1500.00 will fund a fellowship for a medical student or resident to learn about our methods by experiencing them firsthand at Goutami Eye Institute.

New Eye Hospital is EFA Funding Focus

Q: What's green and covers 40,000 square feet?

A: A new environmentally friendly eye hospital the Eye Foundation of America plans to build in Rajahmundry, AP, India.

Conceived as an international hub for the treatment of childhood eye diseases, it will educate physicians and healthcare workers worldwide in methods used to prevent avoidable blindness. Your contribution can help us raise \$2 million in construction costs. (See box on back.)



*Proposed eye hospital:
Vegetation on roof cuts
heating and cooling costs*



Vision For Children

One of the very best ways to fight avoidable blindness is to recognize and treat eye problems in young children. If caught early enough, many diseases can be treated or reversed.



Children in rural areas do not often get their eyes screened due to the scarcity of medical eye care. *The largest vision problem in the world is that children*

don't get eyeglasses soon enough. Goutami Eye Institute's administrative director, Mr. K. Madhu, recently launched a grassroots effort to train teachers to do eye screening within the schools.

Teachers conduct the screening, and then determine which children should be referred to the Institute for further treatment. **So far the program has trained more than 700 teachers in more than 100 schools who have screened nearly 100 thousand children.**

EFA is planning to launch this program in other developing countries. The teachers trained so far are very enthusiastic about performing the screenings.

Each teacher can screen hundreds of students, increasing the Eye Foundation's reach exponentially. It's a cost-efficient way to deliver health care to millions.

Same Address, New Look!

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If you haven't viewed our website online lately, please check out the new design. It's better than ever, bookmark it while you are there, and revisit often.

News Shorts

Visiting Professor

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Richard Hertle, who is making a return visit to the Goutami Eye Institute this year. Dr. Hertle is Director of Pediatric Ophthalmology at Akron Childrens' Hospital in Akron, Ohio.



He is a specialist in nystagmus (repetitive eye movement), which is common among the world's children. If not caught early enough, nystagmus results in poor vision. Dr. Hertle will see clinic patients and lecture to local physicians at Goutami during his visit.

Dr R Hertle

Cataract Symposium

In conjunction with Johns Hopkins University, the Eye Foundation of America is conducting a national symposium on prevention of eye infections after cataract surgery in Hyderabad, India, next month. We are honored to have Dr. Peter McDonnell, Director of the Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins University, to lead the discussion.

Help Us Build

The Eye Foundation's 2011-2012 goal is to continue to continue the fight against avoidable blindness throughout the world by building an environmentally friendly eye hospital dedicated to childhood diseases and educating physicians from other countries. If you can contribute to our cause, please do.

You can choose to donate securely online via PayPal at our website, eyefoundationofamerica.org. Click on "Donate Now."

Or you may send a check to: Eye Foundation of America, 3140 Collins Ferry Road, Morgantown, WV, 26505. Our tax exempt number is 55-0621735