



# Project vision

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Greetings to all! It is with great pleasure that I reach out to our dedicated community, united in our mission to reduce blindness in India. On behalf of the entire team, I want to express our deep gratitude for your continued support.

As many of you know, our focus through the Project Vision program is to serve children aged 5 to 15 in government and aided schools. We are privileged to collaborate with the Karnataka health and education departments in this vital effort to prevent avoidable blindness among children in under served areas.

This academic year, 2024-25, marks the beginning of our partnership with the Vaishnavi Lions Service Foundation to implement the Project Vision program in Tumkur district.

As I write to you, our teams are actively screening children, spreading kindness and care along the way. The dedication of teachers, who I believe are the true magicians in our society, is awe-inspiring. Their care, nurturing, and commitment to the growth of each child, coupled with the support of parents, make this program truly impactful.

The synergy that comes from working with like-minded individuals is both uplifting and inspiring. Collaborating with my friend and colleague, Dr. Anitha Prasad, to launch this program has been an incredible learning experience, filled with joy and mutual respect.

Our on-ground teams are led by the exceptionally talented Praveen Kumar, whose commitment to not only organizing screenings but also mentoring others is truly heartwarming. Most of our team members are young women, who, fresh from their education, are embracing this journey and gaining invaluable life lessons.

To me, the schools we visit have become sacred spaces, where our life's mission unfolds. I see these young team members as custodians of these places, and the blessings we receive through addressing a child's needs are profound.

I invite each of you reading this newsletter to take a moment to visualize the work we are doing. For us to continue and expand our reach, we need your support. We have already reached approximately 160,000 children in Hassan and Ramanagara, and as of now, we have screened around 20,000 children in Tumkur, with another 250,000 to go.

We need your support for this and would welcome you to contribute generously. Once again thank you for being part of this journey.

I would like to end this conversation with you all with a small poem I feel would be appropriate for this journey,



## A reflection

I pray for strength,  
I pray for courage to be different,  
I pray for wisdom to appreciate the same,  
These blessings showered upon us.

We are on a journey,  
Let us make a difference,  
By being different.

In being blind we see challenges,  
Reducing the same,  
The world of one affected changes,  
Let us be the change maker ...



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