

## **Vision Varanasi**

Vision Varanasi is a five-story hospital on the grounds of Bal Ashram. It was built to make eye care available to the underserved in our community and beyond. The hospital has fine doctors and is well equipped for eye surgeries. We recently celebrated the opening of the hospital, but having it ready to serve is just the beginning. We ask you to help us put it to full use.

### **Did you know?**

- Fifty percent of childhood blindness is preventable
- Cataract is the leading treatable cause of blindness in children
- Half of all cataracts are due to poor nutrition and lack of available eye care

### **We have a vision**

Our goal is to improve and restore the eyesight of people who might otherwise not have access to care. Without our help hundreds of children are destined to go blind, lessening their chances of leading full and productive lives. Many more will have their lives diminished by the absence of simple prescription eyeglasses.

### **We have a plan**

We want to be proactive and reach out to communities that are cut off from medical services and provide them with vision care. Every week we will send a medical team to a village within a 60-mile radius of our hospital in Varanasi. (At times we may also visit an urban slum.) The team will set up an eye camp where patients will receive medical treatment and education about eye care. Over the course of a year we plan to visit 52 villages, check the eyesight of 7,500 people, provide 6,000 prescription glasses and bring 500 patients to our hospital for cataract surgery.

### **Your donation will make it possible**

Give the gift of sight. Please help Vision Varanasi attain it's goal of bringing eye care to those in need.

Traveling Eye Clinic  
\$100 to sponsor one day

Cataract Surgery  
\$75 each

Prescription Glasses  
\$40 for 10 pairs

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