



Sankara Nethralaya OM Trust Inc.



Dear friends,

Hearty greetings for a Merry Christmas! And a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! From Sankara Nethralaya to all our overseas friends and well-wishers!!

Hope this finds all of you and your families in the best of health and cheer by the grace of God! Christmas and year end vacation are round the corner and we guess many of you would be planning a vacation with family within or outside the USA, if you are bound back home, we would be most happy to have you as an esteemed guest at Sankara Nethralaya and give you an on the spot briefing on all our activities and developments.

As we come close to a rather eventful year, we at Sankara Nethralaya felt it would be the right time to thank our overseas well-wishers and friends for their generous support and participation in our efforts towards better eye care especially to the poor and needy and our battle against blindness. We would like to express our special thanks to members of the OM Trust who have given their time and effort towards our cause and without whose help it would not have been able to reach out to our patrons in the USA.

Year end is also a time to retrospect, take stock and plan for the next year. 2011 has been an eventful year in terms of both outreach and research endeavours with significant involvement from corporate and research institutions. Research activity got a fresh impetus with a generous grant from the Bajaj group which saw the renaming of the research block to Kamalnayan Bajaj Institute for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. A MoU entered with the world renowned Missouri University for joint research in the fields of Ophthalmology and Nano-biotechnology which would pave the way for exchange of research data and research scientists was a significant forward step in this area. The one of its kind twin outdoor surgical unit developed with the help of IIT, Madras and the outdoor surgical bus with the theme 'Seeing is Believing' sponsored by Scope International Stanchart Bank helped in enhancing reach of indigent eye care by leaps and bounds.



IIT-SN out door surgical unit launch 22/07/2011



Scope International donation for Teleophthalmology bus 03/11/2011

While year 2011 was a year of impressive figures with a total of 17,061 surgeries free of cost for indigent patients with 27 % of the free surgeries being performed for complicated eye ailments like Glaucoma and Vitreoretinal diseases and a total of 250 free eye camps reaching out to the most interior parts of the country we believe that there is still a long way to go. As in every field of activity the New year always opens with new hopes, aspirations, higher targets and greater expectations and we look forward to our overseas friends and well wishers in the US and members of the OM Trust who have been steadfast in their support in our battle against blindness.



School screening camp at Subash Nagar, Karnataka – 19/08/2011

Thirty three years after its inception Sankara Nethralaya continues to be a beacon of light and hope to the visually impaired and continues to set exemplary standards in eye care through its quality of treatment, compassion, care and constant research to face present and emerging challenges in Ophthalmology.

We are sure you would be happy to know that some of USA's most well known companies have chosen to support Sankara Nethralaya through their payroll deduction programme, a testimony to the trust and faith they have reposed on us.

Kamalnayan Bajaj Research block



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Join us in the battle against blindness.
Together, we can give light!



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Donations to Sankara Nethralaya in the United States can be made to "Sankara Nethralaya OM Trust Inc". You can donate online at www.omtrust.org or you can mail a cheque to Mr. Acharya, Treasurer, SN OM Trust, 9710, Traville Gateway Drive, No. 392, Rockville, MD 20850. PH: (301) 529-7377, email: acharya@omtrust.org, snomtrustusa@gmail.com. All donations to SN OM Trust are eligible for tax exemptions under section 501 (c) (3).

Please find enclosed a self-addressed envelope with the donation scheme details.

Thank you for your support.

With regards and best wishes,

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