

**ARE YOU READY TO BECOME A SIGHT AMBASSADOR....
TO SUPPORT THE EYE DONATION MOVEMENT?**

PLEDGE THROUGH USING SMS:

(Even If you have Pledged earlier as a DONOR, Becoming a SIGHT AMBASSADOR by sending this SMS would help to REACH YOU on Regular Intervals to send REMINDER MESSAGES and EYE CARE TIPS.)

SMS Eye to 9902080011

"There is no lovelier way to thank God for your sight than by giving a helping hand to those in the dark."

- Helen Keller

Please Request your Family Members , Friends, Colleagues to Become SIGHT AMBASSADORS. If Every SIGHT AMBASSADOR is able to add ONE MORE every Day, we will have millions working for the Cause EYE DONATION.

**FOR EYE BANKS IN YOUR AREA
SMS TO 9902080011**

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**LIVE HUNDRED YEARS...
GET AS MANY EYES!**

WE ALL HAVE ONLY ONE OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE OUR OWN EYES.

BUT WE HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO REACH AN EYE DONATION POSSIBILITY TO AN EYE BANK.

BECOME A SIGHT AMBASSADOR.

WHAT YOU DO AS A SIGHT AMBASSADOR?

1. You will take care of your Eyes. It's God's Gift to be passed on.
2. You will get more people to be aware about Eye Donation.
3. You would be a Voluntary grief counsellor to motivate a Grieving Family to donate the Eyes of their Dear Departed.
4. You would look for Corneal Blind People to help them get the Gift of Sight

CORNEAL BLINDNESS-

In India 15 lakh people are suffering from Corneal Blindness. It's increasing at the rate of 30000 per year. 60% of them are Children and Youth, with a long life in front of them. Every Year we collect about 15000 USABLE Eyes. WE BURN OR BURY 150 LAKH EYES.

Because of this huge shortfall of donor eyes in India A CORNEAL BLIND PERSON IS GIVEN ONLY ONE EYE AT A TIME.

UNDERSTANDING EYE DONATION.

Why should eyes be donated?

Donated human eyes are necessary in preservation and restoration of sight through corneal transplantation, research and education. Infants born with cloudy corneas have an opportunity to see following corneal transplantation.

What is the cornea?

The cornea is the clear, transparent dome in front of the "black portion" of the eye.. Loss of transparency directly results in loss of vision.

What is corneal Transplantation?

A Corneal transplant is an operation which replaces the opaque cornea with a clear cornea Obtained from a human donor eye.

How does a cornea become opaque?

1. Infection 2. Injuries 3. Iatrogenic (Malpractice, Improper Post-op. care after any eye surgery) 4. Malnutrition 5. Congenital/ Hereditary.

Who can be an eye donor?

Practically anybody from the age of 1 year. There is no maximum age limit.

Spectacle Wearers, Persons who had cataract surgery, diabetics and hypertensive individuals can donate eyes.

Can the next-of-kin consent to a donation if the deceased family member hasn't signed a pledge form?

YES.

How to donate?

That the eyes need to be collected within 6 hours of death. So, call the eye bank as early as possible after the death.

Things to do after making the call:

1. Keep both eyes of deceased closed and covered with moist cotton.
2. Switch off the overhead fan. .
3. Raise the head end of the body by about 6 inches, if possible - to lessen the incidence of bleeding during the removal of the eyes.

Is there any delay in funeral arrangements?

No, Eyes removal is performed shortly (within half an hour) after death and leaves no visible signs the would interfere with common funeral practices.

Is there religious conflict?

No, Donations gives a gift of life or sight to others. As such, it is consistent with beliefs and attitudes of all major religious and ethical traditions.