



Help Create the First Eye Care Center in Tibet: The Kham Eye Center

OVERVIEW: For the price of a condo in Vancouver you can equip an entire hospital, train the staff, help set up 10 vision centers and provide medical materials and surgical supplies for 4 years. Your gift would restore sight to an estimated 14,000 people over 5 years.

THE NEED: Tibet has one of the highest rates of blindness in the world. However, about 75% of blindness in Tibet can be either prevented or treated. Cataract is the leading cause of blindness in the Kham region. Cataracts can be removed, and sight restored, with a relatively simple and highly cost-effective operation, yet the cataract surgical coverage in the area is 40%; 60% of patients remain untreated.

THE GOAL: A 50-bed eye hospital, the Kham Eye Center, is currently being built in Dhartsedo and will open in 2009. The Kham Eye Center will be a non-profit eye care institution specializing in clinical services, research, teaching and prevention and treatment of eye disease. Seva is funding human resource development, technical and managerial mentorship, and provision of ophthalmic equipment instruments and supplies.

The Kham Eye Care Center will have a multi-tiered pricing system to make the eye care more affordable and accessible to all patients in the community.

The ultimate goal of the Kham Eye Center is to build a high-quality, sustainable, accessible, affordable eye care system.

The goal is to conduct a minimum of 14,000 cataract sight restoring surgeries over the next 5 years; to establish 10 vision centers by 2010; to train 10 eye doctors and 10 county level nurses; to establish the Center as a standard national eye hospital, using state-of-the-art technology; to become the model eye care program in the Kham region; become an eye care training center; and develop as a community ophthalmology center.



FUNDING NEEDED FOR THE KHAM EYE CENTER	
Equipment and instruments	\$212,000
Build and install hospital computer system	\$15,000
Train 20 vision center staff & 48 rural health workers	\$31,000
Train doctors, nurses & administrative personnel	\$30,000
Provide equipment for 10 vision centers	\$50,000
Organize research and academic exchange programs	\$10,000
Training and consultancy with Aravind	\$35,000
Medical materials and surgical supplies 2010-2014	\$350,000
Program implementation	\$92,000
TOTAL	\$825,000

For more information on how you can help Seva restore sight and prevent blindness in Tibet please contact:
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