

MARY A. TIDLUND CHARITABLE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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The Foundation

We were officially registered on October 14, 1998 as a public Foundation with Revenue Canada. The objectives of the Foundation are to: identify, financially support, participate in wherever possible, and service the needs of Canadian and overseas medical programs; programs to alleviate poverty; and to assist in the advancement of education. All administration and traveling costs have been covered by me.

India – Eye Clinic

In October of 1998 funds were donated for a project with Operation Eyesight Universal in Northern India. The first project the foundation financially supported was completed in November of 1998, Norm Johnson and I traveled to India to participate in an eye camp in the small rural village of Madanpur. Candidates walked for up to four hours to be examined for eye surgery. 40 Individuals were chosen for cataract operations and the implantation of Intraocular lenses. The Rotary Club in the Palampur graciously hosted us and provided tours to the rural Northern India towns Palampur, Dhussara, and Pragpur, in which eye hospitals were built and funded in large part by Operation Eyesight Universal out of Calgary, Alberta. The tours of the hospitals gave us good insight into the operations performed, procedures, equipment, staff and daily operations. Also included in the tours were senior citizens' housing combined with a children's orphanage project and leprosy camp. This project was a very successful and informative trip which provided confidence in financially supporting further projects in conjunction with Operation Eyesight International.

Projects for 1999

Proposed projects for 1999 include a number of Canadian projects and a minimum of one project overseas. The Foundation will accept any donations and will provide receipts to all donors.

To all donors from the first project in India, Thank you for your donations which aided in providing eyesight to 40 individuals; they can now participate in life with your gift of sight.

Please feel free to call me for further information.

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