



Supporting Children with Eye Cancer

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Sharing our vision to save vision
April 2016 - March 2017



Message from Trustees' desk

On Feb 26th 2010, Iksha foundation started its journey with the vision to provide aid to children suffering from Retinoblastoma (eye cancer) and to create awareness. We at Iksha believe that no child should ever lose eyesight or face death to this type of childhood cancer that has one of the best cure rates.

We started working with doctors at Narayana Nethralaya and Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Research Institute. The support from the doctors, donors, friends and family has been overwhelming. All of it is worthwhile when we see the smiles on the faces of the children who battle the odds and overcome the cancer with a smile.

In 2016-17 year, we collaborated with three new hospitals.

- ❖ Eye hospitals- Prabha eye clinic, Vittal eye clinic
- ❖ Cancer Hospitals- Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital

We plan to network with more hospitals outside of Bengaluru. We are looking to work with government hospitals to spread the awareness about Retinoblastoma among the health care workers.



From its inception, Iksha Foundation has supported 63 children with Retinoblastoma. In 2016-17 alone we had 10 new cases supported by Iksha Foundation



Chaya Devi



Gayatri

**Meet a few of our
young bravehearts**

A few words from Sidharaju (F/o Padmesh) "My son was only 2 months old when he was diagnosed with eye cancer. We were devastated.

Now, he is 6 years-old and a happy school going child like others of his age. This was possible only with help of Iksha foundation."



On April 16, Rehan had his Enucleation Under Anesthesia and Custom made Ocular Prosthetics(COP) fitted. Later the child re-visited for dermis craft. Rehan, was examined under anesthesia. The subsequent treatment plan was evolved after detailed evaluation.

Uttam Naik was diagnosed with bilateral retinoblastoma at the age of 2 with RE group “D” and LE group “B”. The child was advised 6 cycles of chemo and focal laser every 3-4 weeks. His right eye was enucleated of advanced tumor.



RBL is one of our biggest supporters. Their contribution brought a ray of hope in many of Iksha kids' lives.



RBL BANK



On the 70th Independence Day of our nation, Shangri-la Hotel Bangalore, opened its doors to Iksha with a grand 70 foot cake. Donors at the event were given a kilogram of cake by Shangri-la.

Patrons of Shangri-la, friends and supporters of Iksha were present at the event. Actor Radhika Chetan, a long time supporter of Iksha helped spread awareness about the cause.



This year, Summer Angels (Stone Hill School PTA) brought a big smile on Iksha kids face with hand picked gifts chosen according to each child's age, interest and usability.

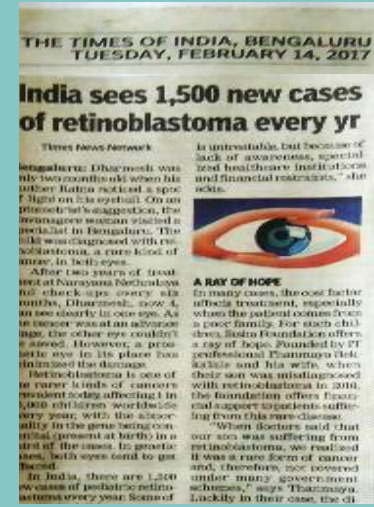


Belly and Soul (a speciality homestyle baker) continued their support by sharing the proceeds of one month's sale of Belly Box in support of Iksha Foundation

Retinoblastoma Awareness

In the media - Awareness about retinoblastoma and work done by Iksha was covered on Childhood Cancer Day

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/india-sees-1500-new-cases-of-pediatric-retinoblastoma-every-year/articleshow/57135058.cms>

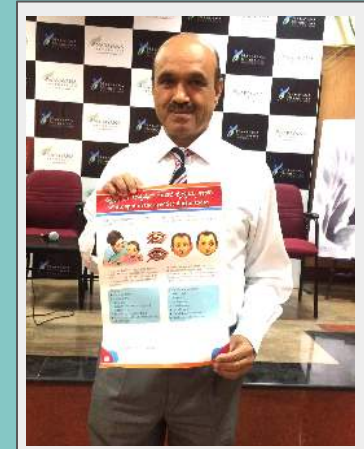
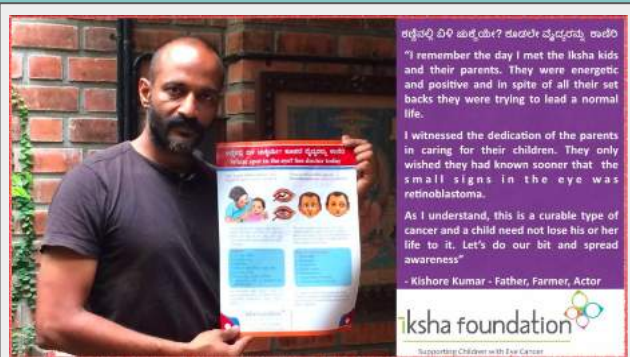


Poster Awareness

The Iksha Poster was used to spread awareness to a larger audience.

Dr. Bhujang Shetty, Chairman & MD, Narayana Nethralaya, The Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Central, Actors Radhika and Kishore and our young warriors helped spread the message as a part of the awareness campaign.

<https://www.facebook.com/108246719198400/photos/a.123738524315886.14177.108246719198400/1118336181522777/?type=3&theater>



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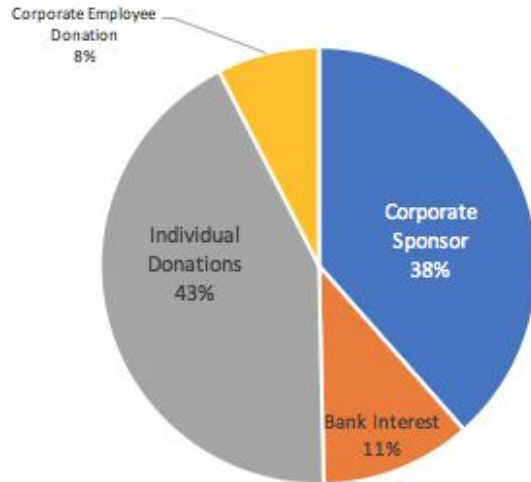
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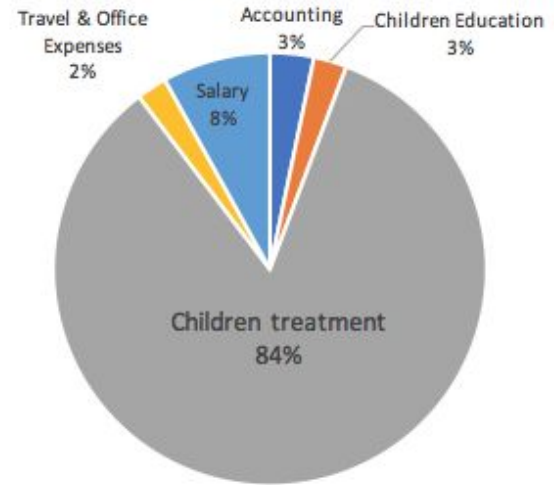
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2016-17

Source of Funds



Expenditure



Plan for 2017-18

- Continue support for children getting treated in Bengaluru hospitals
- Network with more hospitals in Chennai and Hyderabad
- Work with government health care workers - create awareness, train caregivers at the municipal and state level
- Spread awareness with general public

A special thanks to all our supporters
...With you by our side, we can reach out
to and support more children with
retinoblastoma.

"Alone we can do
so little; together
we can do so
much."
Helen Keller



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