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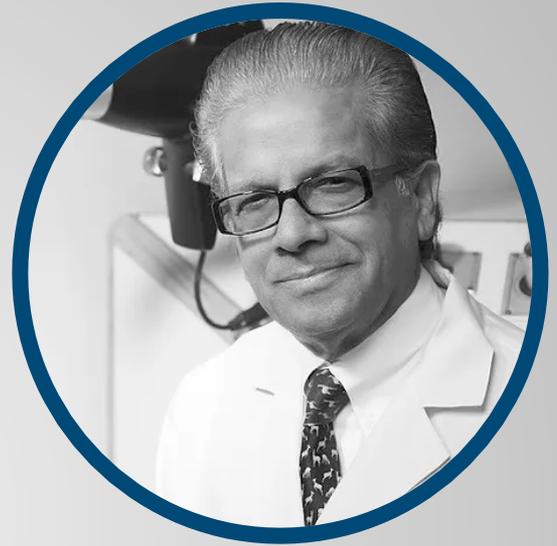
VK Raju, MD

President and Founder

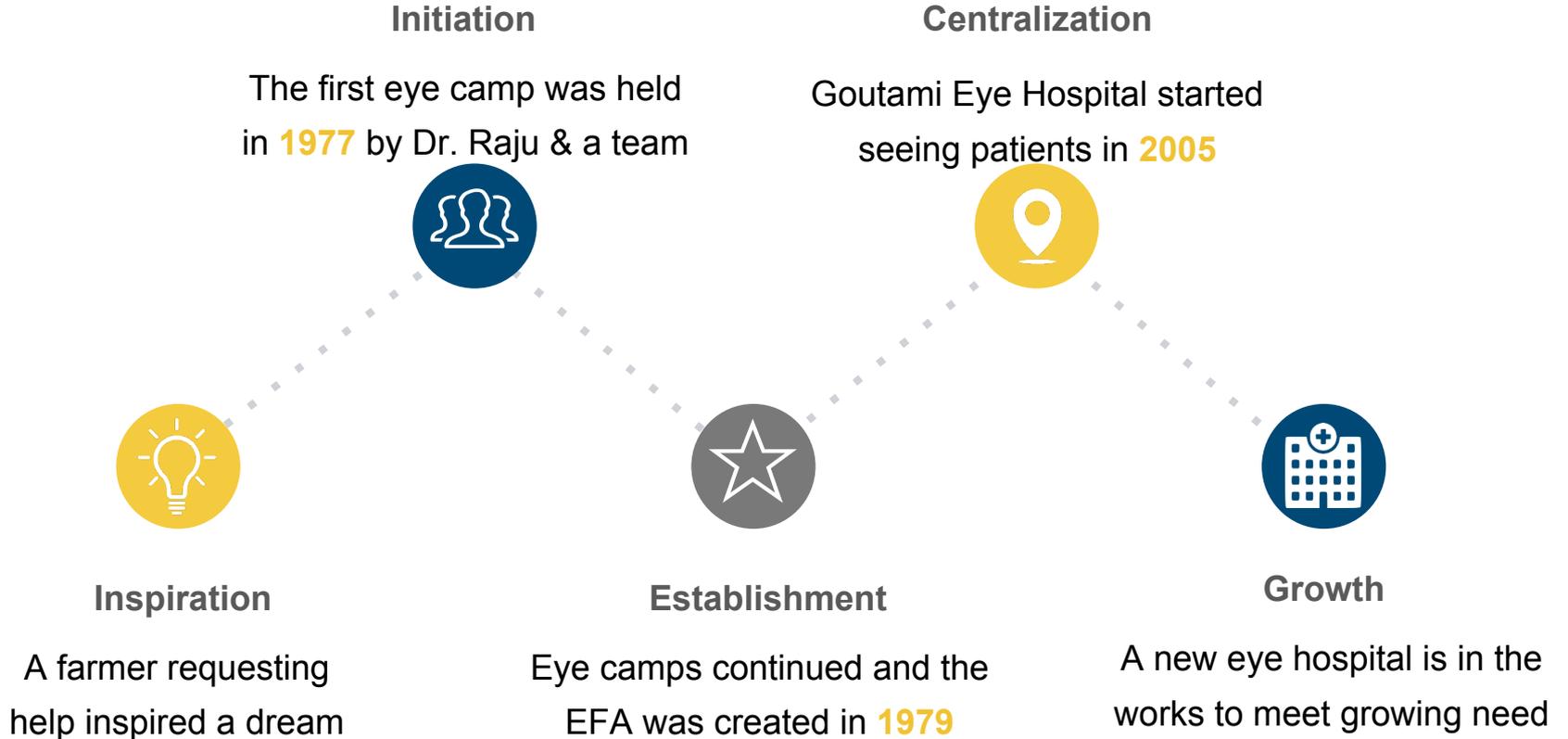
Dr. Raju founded the Eye Foundation of America in 1979. His devotion to the prevention of avoidable blindness, especially in children, has been his passion for 40 years.

His work has been recognized worldwide and he has won several awards for his humanitarian services including the President's Lifetime Achievement Award, induction into the University of Toledo Medical Missions Hall of Fame, and the American Medical Association's Nathan Davis Award.

He currently practices ophthalmology at Regional Eye in Morgantown, WV. He is a clinical professor of ophthalmology at West Virginia University and an adjunct professor at GSL Medical School in India. Dr. Raju also serves as president and chairman of Goutami Eye Institute. He is a member of the Morgantown Rotary Club.



TIMELINE



MISSION

The mission of the Eye Foundation of America and Goutami Eye Institute has always been to **prevent avoidable blindness**.

Our focus on high quality care for underserved or underprivileged communities is a challenge, but one we face each day with renewed passion.



MISSION

Our longest running project is in India. But we have collaborations in over 20 countries including projects in Ghana and a new project in Nepal. These connections were often made through Rotary groups and members.



ABOUT GOUTAMI

- Central point of care for services for 4 districts in Andhra Pradesh (AP), India
- Started in 2015
- Multiple visiting surgeons (Dr. VK Raju and Dr. Leela Raju)
- 7 full-time surgeons
- 1 anesthesiologist
- Offers 2 fellowship programs
- **Provides care and surgery free of charge to impoverished patients**



Our Team at Goutami



WHAT WE DO AT GOUTAMI

Screenings

Identifying patients in rural and/or impoverished areas through eye camps



Treatment

Providing medical treatment for conditions such as glaucoma



Surgery

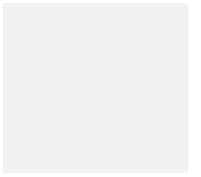
Conduct sight-saving operations for cataracts, diabetes, ROP, and more



Education

Educate staff and physicians in addition to the general public

What is avoidable blindness?



Even before you are born-

Genetic issues, intra-utero infections

Malnutrition-

Vitamin A deficiencies can lead to blindness and even death

Trauma-

lack of treatment

Aging-

Cataracts, Glaucoma, Diabetes

70% of all of these problems are preventable or curable. Today's technologies and today's resources can prevent blindness.

Primarily affecting the elderly, cataracts can significantly impact the vision.

It is a clouding of the natural lens of the eye.

Symptoms including cloudiness, sensitivity to light, poor night vision, and eventually **functional blindness if not treated with surgery.**



THE NEED

74%

**of adults in India over 60
have cataracts- this equates
to 77 million people**

\$41.87

**covers the cost of
cataract surgery at
Goutami Eye Institute**

60,000+

**surgeries have been
performed at Goutami, most
of which are for cataracts**



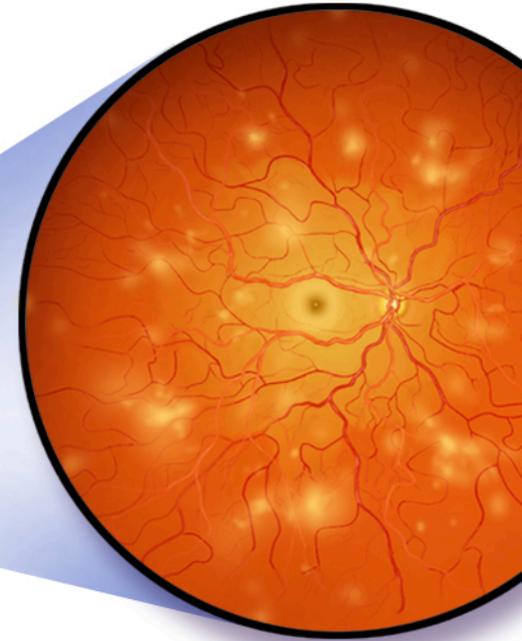
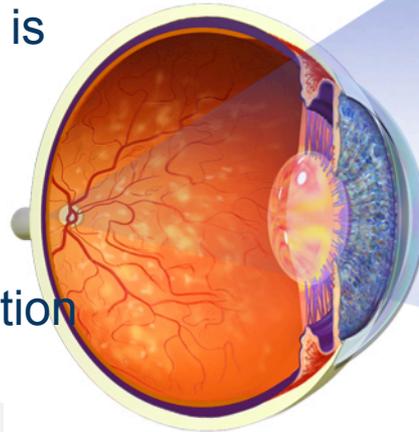
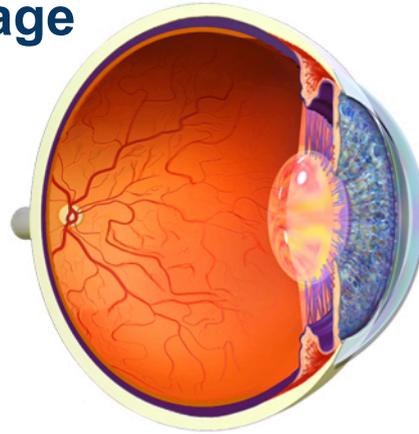
A baby's retina (the back of the eye- acts like the film of a camera) continues to develop after birth, so central vision comes into focus around 6 weeks.

This is why it's **so important** to treat babies born with eye diseases early.



In addition to blood vessel damage in the retina, diabetes can make other eye conditions worse.

- Cataract progression is accelerated.
- The chance of developing glaucoma is doubled.
- Extreme fluctuation in blood sugar levels can also change your prescription for glasses.



SO FAR...

68,000+

surgeries performed at no charge

13,000

pairs of glasses given to children

700,000

school children screened for vision problems

6,500

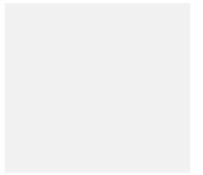
babies screened for Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)

700

collaborations for medical students, residents, and fellows in conjunction with NYU

3,000,000

vision screenings performed globally by the Eye Foundation of America & Goutami



A blue-tinted photograph of a hospital ward. In the foreground, a hospital bed is visible with its side rails up. In the background, there are several other beds and a chair. The room has large windows with curtains. The overall atmosphere is clean and professional.

OUR NEW HOSPITAL

We are excited to announce our newest and largest project- the design and construction of an eye hospital to provide additional services to the region.

The Cost:

\$10,000,000 total

The Timeline: 3 years

Phase 1: 6-9 months for planning and initial construction of the first 2 floors.

Phase 2: Additional levels added with specialty units.

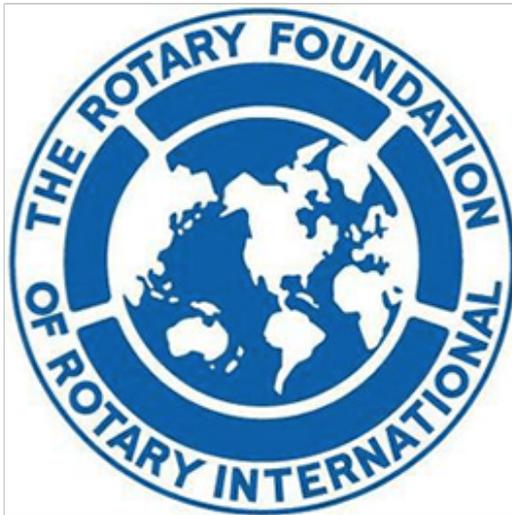


The Current Facility:

Goutami's current building will be renovated to create a facility to meet the rehabilitation and occupational therapy needs of the visually impaired.

Collaboration is key to our mission.

We are currently working with **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** to secure matching grants. Through Rotary Clubs around the world, we hope to raise \$100,000 to use at Goutami.



	Gift	Match	Total
DISTRICT #3020- INDIA	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$15,000
DISTRICT #3020- MADDALI	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
DISTRICT #7475- NJ	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
CLUB #5553- ROXBURY	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$15,000

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