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Vision for Haiti: Global Eye Project

Dr. Anshu Chandra's Global Eye Project provides free, high-quality eye care in rural Fond-des-Blancs, Haiti, where access to vision services is almost nonexistent. Since 2015, her clinic has delivered more than 120,000–130,000 free eye exams and now sees over 100 patients a day, helping prevent blindness for children, adults, and seniors who often walk hours for care. The project has secured land but lost its current building and urgently needs about \$300,000 to construct a permanent eye clinic so this life-changing work can continue for generations to come; every contribution, large or small, directly protects someone's sight and independence.

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Enjoy the Presentation:  *At*

Upcoming Meetings

August 4	100 Central	Christy Vogel – From Silence to Sounding Joy: Hearing, Hope, and Service in Action.
August 18	100 Central	STUG: Refurbished computers free for local residents in need.
Sept 1	100 Central	Broadway theatre manager and author shares behind-the-scenes stories From the Back of the House.

Interact

Riverview High School



Interact Students Make Impact at Jacaranda Microforest

The Riverview High School Interact Club continues to set an impressive example of service above self through its ongoing work at the Jacaranda Microforest. Under the leadership of President Noelle, the club has devoted significant time and energy to supporting this important environmental initiative, helping to plant, maintain, and nurture what will become a thriving green space for the community.

As the club prepares for the new Rotary year, leadership will transition to Rocco, Noelle's brother, who will serve as President beginning July 1. This unique continuity highlights the strong family and community ties that help make Interact so impactful. *At*



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Sight & Light in Rural Haiti

Dr. Anshu Chandra brings the Global Eye Project to Sarasota Bay Rotary — July 7, 2026,



A Global Eye Project clinician examines a toddler in Fond-des-Blancs, Haiti. Photo: Global Eye Project

In many parts of rural Haiti, a simple eye exam can mean walking hours — or even days — to reach the nearest clinic, if one exists at all. On July 7, Rotarian and optometrist **Dr. Anshu Chandra** joined our club by Zoom to introduce the **Global Eye Project**, the sustainable eye clinic she built from a single borrowed room in Fond-des-Blancs into one of Haiti's busiest eye centers — and to ask for our club's help keeping it alive.

The timing struck a personal chord: our own President **Todd Morgan** spent 40 years practicing as an optometrist before retiring — and now leads a club being asked to help sustain vision care half a world away.

139,000+
EYE EXAMS

500,000
PEOPLE IN THE
SERVICE AREA

17
YEARS OF SERVICE

\$5
COST PER PATIENT

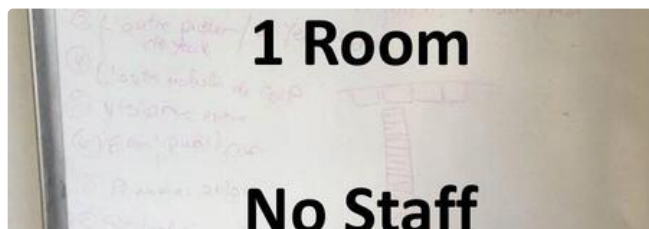
Why it matters to us: the clinic must vacate its current space after 2027. Without a new facility, all care for a region of half a million people ends. Global Eye Project has secured land and equipment — and is now asking Rotary clubs like ours for help finishing the job. See page 3.

"I felt like I just won the lottery. I was healthy, educated, and free to go help those in need."
DR. ANSHUCHANDRA, ON WHY SHE TURNED DOWN TWO FULL-TIME JOB OFFERS TO SERVE HAITI FULL TIME

Inside this issue: How a one-room clinic became Haiti's busiest eye center (p.2) · the \$530,000 capital campaign for a permanent home, and how our club can help (p.3).

FROM VOLUNTEER TO VISIONARY

Dr. Chandra's journey began in 2008 on a mission trip to the Himalayas, and brought her to Haiti in 2010. On mobile eye camps, she watched people go blind from conditions that were completely treatable — simply because no permanent care existed outside a handful of clinics in the capital. In 2015, she funded a one-room eye clinic inside the local hospital in Fond- des-Blancs with two suitcases of portable equipment. It had no staff and no patients on day one.



2015 — Day One



Today — 11 Exam Stations

One room, a whiteboard, and no patients—to a fully-equipped clinic with lasers and diagnostic imaging..

"These people needed consistent, full-time care — not care that arrived at our convenience while they lost their sight or their lives waiting for us."

DR. ANSHU CHANDRA, FOUNDER & DIRECTOR



Dr. Chandra trains local staff through a five-year clinical curriculum — the team is now paid, permanent, and delivers international-standard care.

BEYOND TREATMENT: PREVENTION

In 2019, the clinic launched Haiti's first Retinopathy of Prematurity screening program — a leading, and largely preventable, cause of infant blindness. More than 10,000 premature babies have been screened since. This June, the team launched a new school vision program across four school systems, pairing parent education with "Vision Club" peer training so students learn to spot eye conditions in their own families.



The clinic's Haitian-led care team, on the land secured in March 2025 for the project's new permanent home.



Dr. Chandra with patients in Fond-des-Blancs, which serves predominantly women and children.

EVERY DAY AT THE CLINIC



FACES OF FOND-DES-BLANCS



Patients who've relied on the clinic — many travel hours, some for days, to reach the region's only source of eye care.

HOW OUR CLUB CAN HELP

- › **Raise awareness** — share this story with members and other clubs in our district.
- › **Fund a tier** — \$350 covers a day of care; \$2,500 funds 500 eye exams.
- › **Pursue a Rotary Foundation grant** — Dr. Chandra is a fellow Rotarian; this capital project may qualify for a District or Global Grant.
- › **Adopt the project** — sponsor the clinic or school vision program club-wide.
- › **Leverage Todd's expertise** — our president's 40 years in optometry could connect the project to suppliers and peer clinicians.
- › **Give directly** — see ways to give below.

WAYS TO GIVE

Website globaleyeproject.org (also GoFundMe / Zeffy)

Zelle globaleyeproject@gmail.com

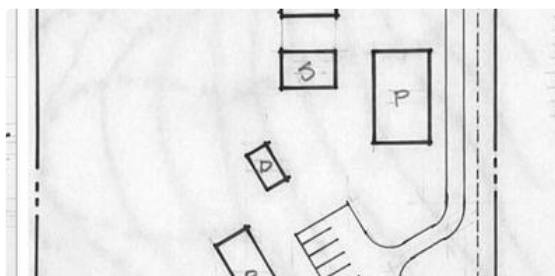
Venmo @Anshu-EyeClinic

Check Global Eye Project, 25 Garling Drive, Latham, NY 12110

The Crisis

The clinic must **vacate its current space after 2027**. Land is secured (March 2025) and equipment is in hand — but Phase 1 construction still needs funding:

Raised	\$249,000
Still Needed	\$530,000 (Phase 1)
Phase 1	Clinic, restrooms, solar power, water, septic



Hand-drawn site plan for the new permanent clinic, developed with Architects Without Borders.

Interested in bringing this to the RCSB Foundation board, or want Dr. Chandra to join us again with an update? Reach out to any officer — starting with President Todd, who knows better than most what a difference an eye exam can make.

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