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## Giving the gift of vision and hope



This year the world learnt a lot about the role of community and solidarity.

Our more than 90 chapters, provide quality optometric services to communities in need across the world, including in the USA. VOSH/International is about solidarity and commitment to giving the gift of sight. This includes our support to the education of optometrists through a growing number of chapters at schools of optometry. Our volunteers -either as lecturers or practitioners- make a long-term impact in the lives of many.

This year, because of the pandemic, we could not organise humanitarian clinics. But, we strengthened networks of collaboration, shared more knowledge and engaged our chapters in a very dynamic manner with great results. We are preparing the ground for when we are able to organise humanitarian eye clinics again.

But we need your help. Collecting donated equipment across the US and shipping it overseas, placing faculty to deliver top level optometric education in schools of optometry, ensuring our operations continue: all are only possible through donations.

**Please help us reach our target of \$10,000** to match a donation from an anonymous donor by the end of December 2020. Consider making a donation to VOSH/International if you can or invite your family and friends to contribute.

**Donate by December 31st, 2020**

Please receive a sincere thank you for your constant support. As 2020 comes to a close, I wish everyone a safe and festive holiday season, a Happy New Year, with hopes of a bright future in 2021.

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