Seva works with local communities around the world to develop self-sustaining programs that preserve and restore sight.

A Message from the Executive Director and Board Chair

If we had one word to describe Seva it would be transformation. Working with our global neighbors, our supporters, and our partners, we are transforming individual lives, communities, and healthcare systems in some of the world’s most underserved regions.

Nearly 40 years ago, our founders asked how they could be of service, and this question still drives us forward today. In doing well by others, our lives are transformed too. As we reflect back on a year where over one and a half million people had their lives transformed through vital eye care services, we are humbled and thankful for your support. There is, however, much work to be done. A recent study in the Lancet Global Health projects a three-fold increase in global blindness by 2050. Reversing this trend will require exponential growth in our global partners’ capacity to provide eye care and sustainable healthcare services. Through our nearly 40 years of creating sustainable partnerships and programs, we are prepared to lead the required transformation.

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of a single donor, Seva Foundation received a bequest of over $25 million in 2017 to serve as our springboard in this effort to scale up our services. But we can’t realize this transformational vision without ongoing support from people like you. It takes a village to plant the seeds of change and also to tend the garden; by working together, we can create a world that is free from avoidable blindness.

We have a proven model for treating vision loss and impairment. Let’s transform lives by making it accessible to all.

Yours in service,

Kate Moynihan
Executive Director

Lisa Laird
Board Chair
Because of you, 71,503 people struggling with vision loss received sight-saving surgery

Your support provided glasses for 105,815 people, allowing children to stay in school and adults to provide for their families

Last year, you helped facilitate the training of 216 clinicians specializing in cataract surgery, retina conditions, corneal transplants, and more

Your generosity helped provide training for women to become health volunteers in their communities, reaching people in rural areas

See the impact your support made in the lives of the world’s most vulnerable people last year

“Nowhere do I know of another group of people who have come so far in their efforts to deliver high quantity, high quality, low cost, conscious and compassionate service to their fellow beings.”

- Ram Dass, Seva Co-Founder and Honorary Lifetime Board Member
Dr. Kuzenza is a witness to human transformation everyday, because of his dedication to the Singida Regional Hospital eye department in central Tanzania.

Covering an area approximately the size of the state of West Virginia, Dr. Kuzenza is the only ophthalmologist working in the Singida Region. With Seva’s support, his department is providing critical eye care services to more than one million people.

“We are motivated to reach those in rural areas who cannot come to the hospital by themselves,” says Dr. Kuzenza. In the past, “we had not been able to conduct outreach activities due to lack of funding. With Seva’s support, this is now possible and more people will be reached to receive treatment.”

Dr. Kuzenza’s eye unit is the third regional hospital that Seva supports in Tanzania. This approach is all part of a focus on providing comprehensive eye care services to as many Tanzanians as possible.
There are one million people suffering from cataract blindness in Mexico. The backlog for providing cataract surgery is huge and is getting larger every year.

Seva volunteer ophthalmologist and Board member Dr. Marty Spencer recently traveled to Instituto Mexicano de Oftalmología in Querétaro, Mexico to teach more doctors to perform sight-saving surgeries. This Seva sponsored training course was designed to support local ophthalmologists in providing high-quality and cost-effective care to patients in need.

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The ophthalmologists came from all over Mexico, as well as from other countries in Latin America. This training will increase capacity to address the surgical backlog and end needless blindness that affects so many people throughout Latin America.

“We are warriors in this crusade against reversible blindness,” says Dr. Maria Lopez Vitolas, ophthalmologist. “We can train more hands, and more hands are more warriors that can change the world.”
Seva Accomplishments

Thanks to our donors, 2017 was a year of significant growth for many Seva-sponsored programs and services. Gains in access, learning, and capacity were made, helping more people than ever before receive life-changing cataract surgery and eye care services.

Access
The expansion of primary eye care programs, such as at the Kewa Pueblo Health Corporation, improved access to vision services for people living in remote areas. These programs are breaking down barriers and improving quality of life for people with treatable vision loss.

Learning
2017 was a year of cross-institutional knowledge sharing, with teams travelling to Mexico, India, Nepal, and more. These partnerships and the data gained from on-site electronic management systems provided important learning, helping us refine many service programs.

Capacity
The knowledge gained from our partners also facilitated capacity building, allowing Seva to expand the Global Sight Initiative network, and train more clinicians around the world.
Our work is made possible by the generosity of our donors

Through partnerships with compassionate supporters like you, and local eye care professionals, more than 1.5 million of the world’s most vulnerable people received life-changing comprehensive eye care services in 2017.

Your contributions are at work in underserved communities, helping ensure the power of sight is within everyone’s reach. When you give to Seva, you’re supporting long-term, sustainable solutions ensuring marginalized communities have ongoing access to eye care.

This year, you helped raise $41,154,776, to restore sight and prevent blindness in isolated and resource-poor communities around the world. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts!

Revenue

$41,154,776

- Contributions - In Kind
  65% - $26,591,602

- Contributions
  24% - $10,067,233

- Grants
  8% - $3,475,189

- Other
  2% - $920,107

- Events
  1% - $100,645

Program Expenses

$6,637,466

- Global Sight Initiative
  17% - $1,157,883

- Aids Eye Initiative
  1% - $11,257

- Countries
  82% - $5,468,326

The financial information as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017 has been derived from Seva Foundation’s 2017 financial statements audited by DZH Phillips LLP independent auditors. The condensed financial information should be read in conjunction with the 2017 audited financial statements and related notes. Contact Seva Foundation’s office for copies of the complete audited financial statements.
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