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CareWell Charitable Society Provides Free Eye Glasses to School Children with Vision Impairment:

PATNA, INDIA; August 2, 2008: CareWell Charitable Society distributed free eye glasses to students of the Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Gulzarbagh, in Patna City, India.

The program was inaugurated by Mr. Nand Kishor Yadav, Health Minister of Bihar, India who distributed eye glasses to the students. More than 1200 of the school students had been screened earlier for vision and hearing problems during CareWell's 'vision and hearing screening camp.' Bihar's Health Minister appreciated CareWell's philanthropic works and vision/hearing screening programs, and has asked the Bihar State Health Department to begin conducting ongoing health and vision programs in its primary schools, based on the CareWell Charitable Society's model of care.

Vision and hearing screening programs conducted at Gulzarbagh Government Girls Higher Secondary School, is one of a series of "screening camps" organized by CareWell at various schools in Bihar where lower income students attend school. "It is our hope that students with vision and hearing problems will benefit immensely from this initiative of CareWell and will be able to improve their school performance, helping them to become productive members of the society," said Dr. Prasad.

Mr. K. D. Sinha, Member, Board of Revenue, Bihar, and a special guest attending the program, underscored the importance of eye health and wished this program great success. He also advised parents to be attentive to their children's vision, hearing and early intervention, as excellent eyesight and hearing is vital to success in school. Also present were Mr. Ran Vijay Prasad, Director & Joint Secretary, Human Resource Department, Government of Bihar; Sardar Charan Singh, Vice President of Minority Commission; and Mr. Sanjay K. Sinha, Regional Director of Patna Open School System. Mr. Prasad highlighted the role of CareWell Charitable Society as both complimentary and supplementary to the various initiatives and programs being undertaken by the Government. Mr. Singh and Mr.

Sinha wished CareWell success and suggested expansion of CareWell's vision and hearing program to more schools in the region. The event concluded with many thanks by school Principal, Mrs. Kiran Sharan who expressed deep gratitude to CareWell Charitable Society for their screening camp and distribution of free eye glasses to students.

About CareWell: Founded in 2002, CareWell Charitable Society is a not-for-profit, non government community-based organization registered with the Government of India. Our mission is to provide comprehensive rehabilitation, financial empowerment and integrated healthcare to the millions of people living a life of poverty and despair in the urban slums of India. CareWell is dedicated to provide all medical services and education support services for free regardless of race, color, creed, origin or religion. All services are free and no one is denied service because of inability to pay. For more information about CareWell visit www.carewell.org.

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