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CareWell Organizes Eye Clinic in Inner City School in Patna, India

Patna, India; November 27, 2009: A free eye clinic was organized by CareWell Charitable Society at the Kedar Nath Girls High School, Patna, India. More than 350 school children benefited at this clinic. More than 60 students were found to have vision problems, including refractory errors. CareWell Charitable Society will organize free treatment and will provide free eye glasses to these children.

The screening was conducted by Dr. Upendra Kumar, consultant Ophthalmologist at the Modern Eye Care Institute, Patna and Dr. Pankaj Singh, consultant Ophthalmologist in Anisabad, Patna. In addition to conducting screening examinations, Drs. Kumar and Singh also educated parents and teachers about the importance of eye health and outlined various preventive strategies and early signs of eye diseases.

The Kedar Nath Girls High School is an inner city school where children from families with limited income attend school. There is a high prevalence of vision problems in this group of children. Often these children have no means to access healthcare and are often not able to afford even the simplest of treatment. There is also a lack of awareness about eye disease among parents. Surveys done by CareWell consistently show that children with poor vision often do not achieve good grades and are more likely to end up as drop outs; especially in inner city schools. Studies done by CareWell have also shown that programs such as this one has significant impact on improving school grades and school retention among these children.

This eye screening camp is one of a series of screening camps that CareWell regularly organizes throughout the year in inner city schools in India. This program of CareWell has been very successful and has been greatly appreciated by children, parents, teachers and state policy makers alike. In this program teachers are also trained to conduct basic eye screening examinations. CareWell is expanding this program to cover all schools in underserved areas of this region. CareWell has partnered with Lions club of USA in this ambitious endeavor.

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