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CareWell Charitable Society Conducts Free Vision and Hearing Camp for 1000 School Children:

Phoenix, USA & Patna, India; February 04, 2008: A Three Day Eye & Ear Screening Test of School Children of Gardanibagh Girls High School took place in Patna, India. The screening, benefiting 1,000 students, was conducted by CareWell Charitable Society and sponsored by The Reger Fund of U.S.A. The free eye & ear screening was conducted on the campus of Gardanibagh Girls High School, over a three-day period from January 30, 2008 to February 2, 2008. On the opening day, the camp was jointly inaugurated by Dr. A. K. Singh, Director of the Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Science, Patna, and Dr. Narendra Prasad, an eminent Surgeon, also of Patna. Also present for the opening day were Mr. Ran Vijay Prasad, Director & Joint Secretary Human Resource Development, Govt. of Bihar and Drs. Jay Nath and Carley Wigley from the U.K.

The President of the CareWell Charitable Society, Dr. Meena Prasad chaired the function. Additionally, about 1500 students, teachers and parents participated in the inaugural screening event. While inaugurating, Dr. A. K. Singh, lauded the ongoing efforts of CareWell Society to bring free medical aid to those most in need. At the outset, Dr. Meena Prasad, President of CareWell Society, welcomed all participants and explained the three facades of this program: free screening of ear & eye, free treatment for the poor and training of school teachers for the screening at Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna and the J. M. Institute of Speech and Hearing, Patna. She additionally appealed to all, especially teachers, for their ongoing cooperation and participation. According to Dr. Prasad, "This project will bring significant changes into the lives of school children with hearing or vision problems. It is our hope, that once vision and hearing problems are corrected, they will improve their academic performance and ultimately build better lives for themselves." Dr. Narendra Prasad, advised the participants to be vigilant about their health and take care of the children's health. Dr. Pankaj Sinha and Dr. Upendra Kumar, Eye Specialists, and four ENT specialist from J.M Institute of Speech and Hearing; Mr. P. L. Roy, Mr. D. Kushwaha, Mr. Madhu Ranjan and Ms. Subharta,

conducted the free screening tests for 1000 school children. After the screenings, it was found that 10% of students tested were in need of eye treatment. Additionally, 5% of students tested were also found to be in need for hearing treatment. Treatment is now underway for these students with consent of their parents.

The principal of the school thanked Carewell Charitable Society for organizing the three-day camp. In turn, Carewell Charitable Society is grateful for the willing collaboration of Gardanibagh Girls High School's administrative and teaching staffs.

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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