



Blind Foundation for India

(Established in 1989, Naperville, IL, USA)

27+ Years of Dedicated Service

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Mission

- To **Prevent** and **Cure** blindness
- To provide **Education & Rehabilitation**
to permanently blind people in India

Staggering Statistics

- Over **15 Million** blind individuals in India
(Accounts for **1/3** of World's blind population)
- **2.3 Million** people **develop cataracts** every year
- **2 Million** blind children - only **5%** receive any Education

Exponential Power of Prevention

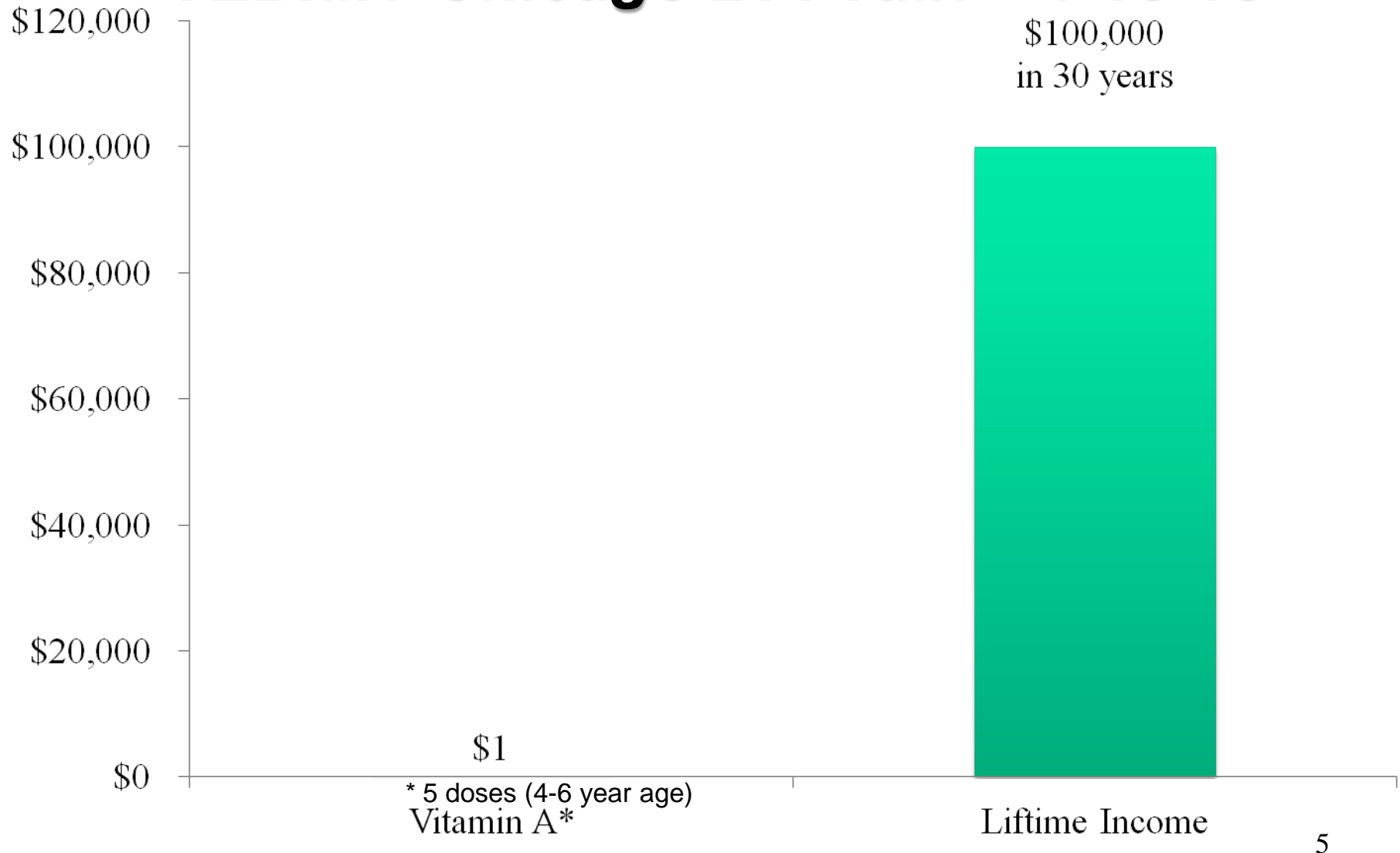
\$1 Vitamin A prevents a child from going blind.

That child can earn \$100,000 in 30 years.

A Multiplier of 100,000!

Exponential Power of Prevention

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Eyesight Checkup- Sihor, Gujarat



Exponential Power of Cure

Only \$20 for Cataract Operation in India.

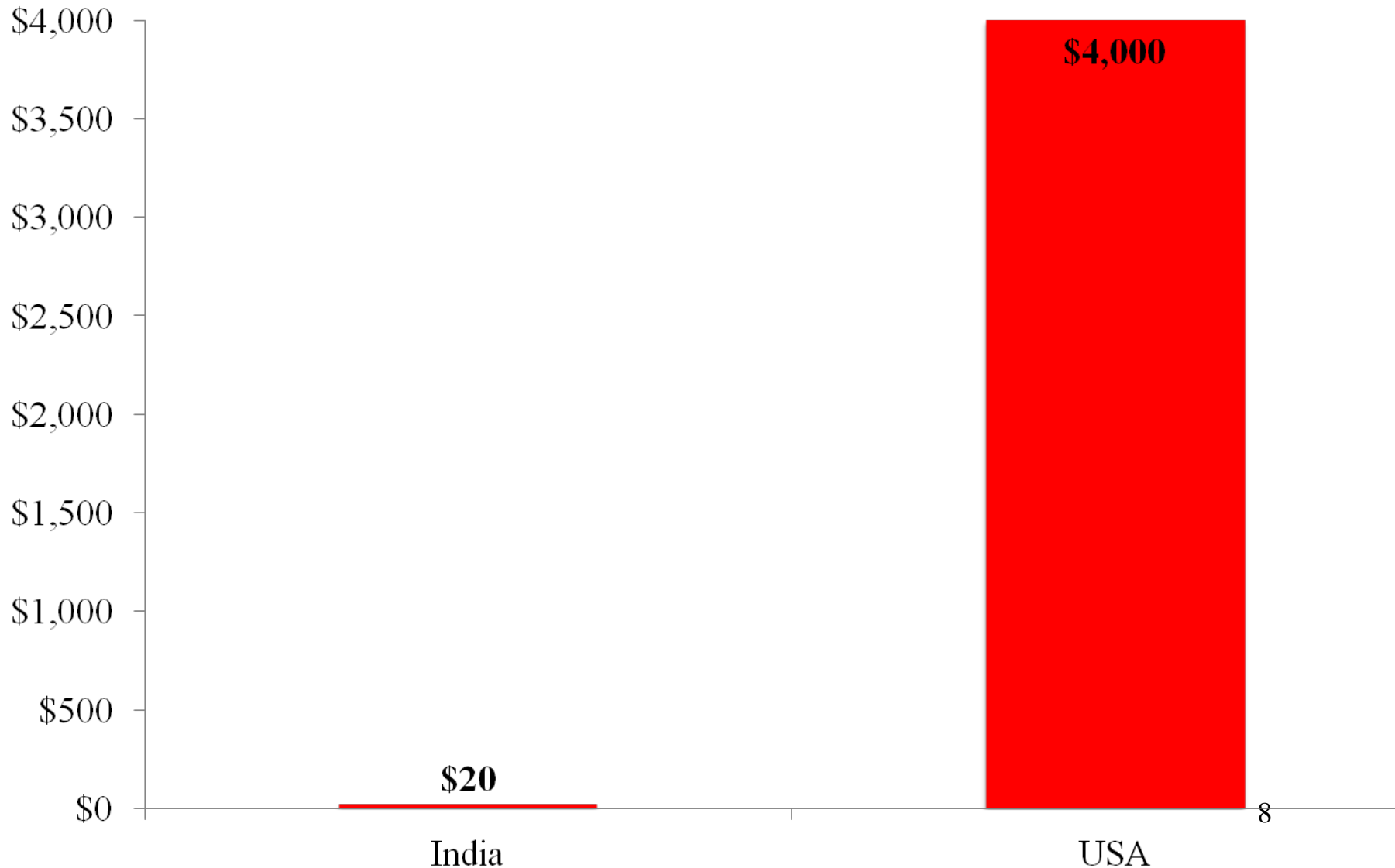
\$4,000 per Cataract Operation in USA.

A Multiplier of 200!

Exponential Power of Cure - A Multiplier of 200

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Cost of Cataract Removal



BFI Post- Cataract Surgery



BFI Van, Eye Camp - Vrindaban



BFI Results Before and After)



BFI Organization

Founded in April 1989

(501 (c)(3) Charitable Organization)

- **Six Directors:**
 - **Raj Baxi, Niles Kothari, Navin Sanghavi, Prosobee Sanghavi, Tapan Shah, and Dr. Manu Vora (President)**
- **Over 60 members on the Board of Advisors**
- **Over 300 Key Volunteers throughout USA**

BFI India Setup

- Work with around **50+NGOs** in India
- Overseas Coordinator - **Mr. Kishor Shah** (Rajkot, Gujarat)
- Field Officer – **Mr. Malay Dagli (Rajkot)**
- NGOs provide **yearly report on Van use**
- NGOs submit **report for the Cataract Operations and Child Sight projects**

BFI Recognition

- Daily Point of Light Award, 06-01-2004 by Daily Points of Light Foundation, Washington, DC, USA:
[BFI DPOL Award 6-1-04.doc](#)
- WBEZ 91.5 Podcast on Blind Foundation for India, 06-01-2016:
[https://www.wbez.org/shows/worldview/global-activism-restoring-sight-to-indias-blind/876957a7-fbb5-48e3-afec-b715924665d1](#)
- How a Charity is Using Baldrige to Serve the Blind, 07-30-2015 (Blogrige: The official US Baldrige Blog, NIST, U. S. Department of Commerce):
[http://nistbaldrige.blogs.govdelivery.com/2015/07/30/how-a-charity-is-using-baldrige-to-serve-the-blind/](#)

Letter from President Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

27 July 1998

Dear Mr. Vora:

Thank you for sharing your thoughtful letter and attached information with me. The Blind foundation for India (BFI) is to be commended for all the services perform throughout India. Vice President Gore and I are committed to making our world a cleaner, safer, and healthier place for everyone. We cannot make these changes by ourselves. I know you are doing your part by helping your community and making a big difference for the people in India. You are setting an example in your community for others to follow.

I have forwarded your material to appropriate government and private agencies for further assistance. They will contact you with relevant information, which may prove to be useful for your project.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill Clinton" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Impact so far

- **Over \$4 million raised since 1991**
- **170,000** free **Cataract** operations
- **One Million** people got free eye sight checkups
- **750,000 children examined for their eye sights, provided glasses, vaccinated against Measles, and provided Vitamin A**
- **10,000 Braille Kits** given to blind children
- **121 Mobile Vans** donated in 18 States of India
- **15 major projects** done with **Rotary Matching**
(1 to 3 match → \$500,000)
- Collaboration with **Lions - SightFirst Program**

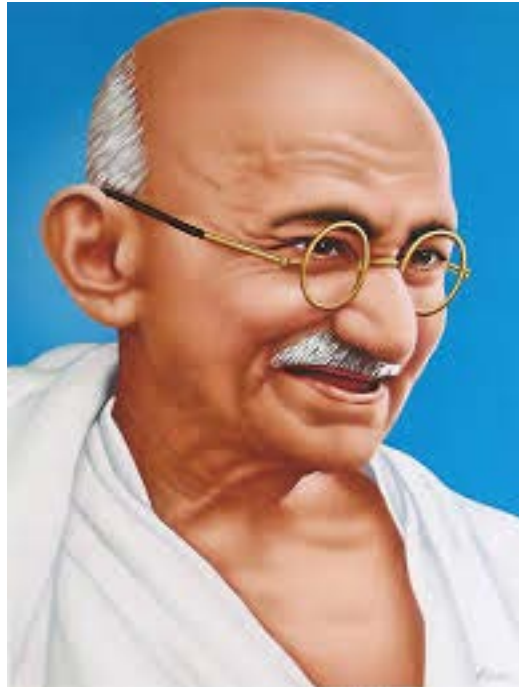
More Way to Help BFI

**When you shop at AmazonSmile,
Amazon will donate 0.5% to BFI.**

**<http://smile.amazon.com/>
(Support Blind Foundation for India)**

Mahatma Gandhi

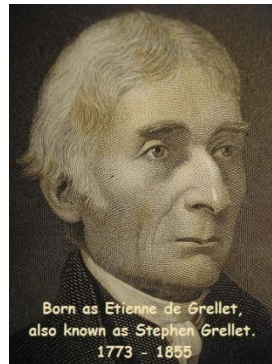
“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”



Etienne de Grellet

**“I shall pass through this world but once.
Any good thing therefore that I can do,
or any kindness that I can show to any
human being, let me do it now.**

**Let me not defer it or neglect it,
for I shall not pass this way again.”**

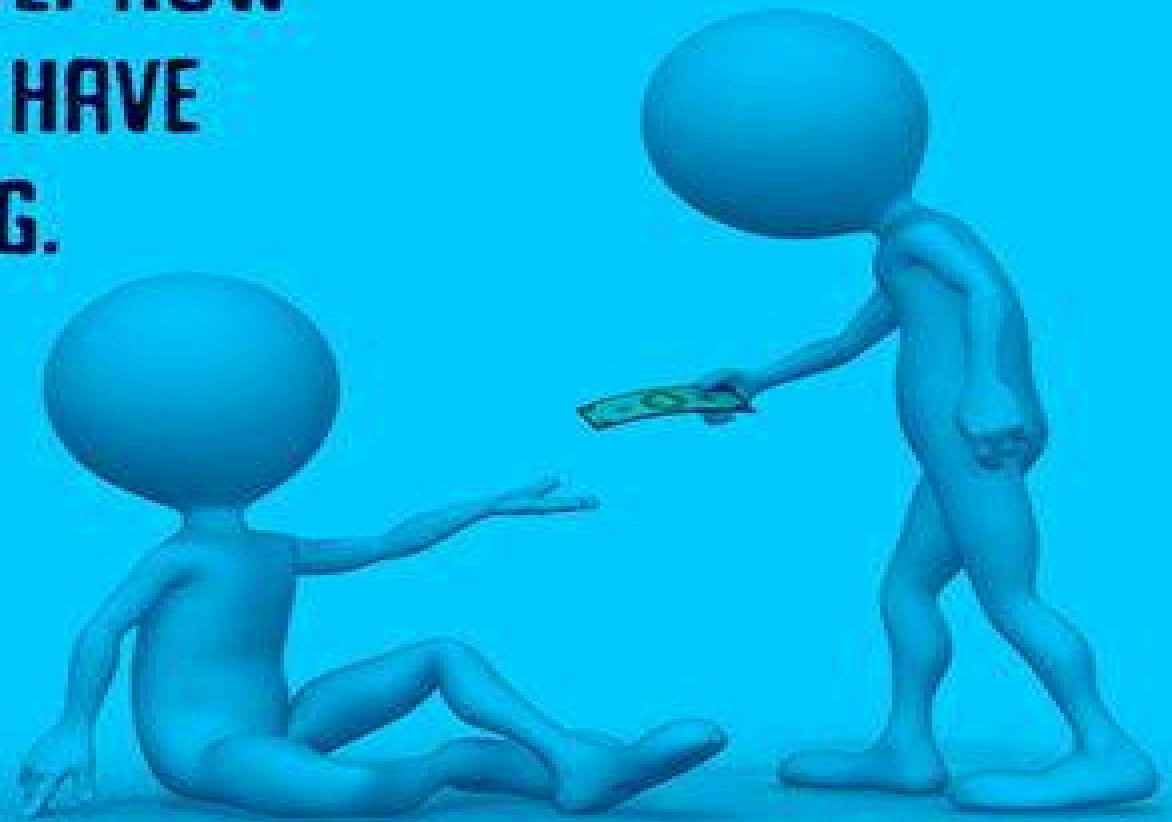


Swami Vivekananda

**“This life is short,
the vanities of the world are transient,
but they alone live who live for others,
the rest are more dead than alive.”**



**I LEARNED TO GIVE
NOT BECAUSE I HAVE
MUCH...BUT BECAUSE
I KNOW EXACTLY HOW
IT FEELS TO HAVE
NOTHING.**





Tamaso Ma Jyotirgamaya!

*“God Kindly Lead Us
From Darkness to Light!”*