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A RAY OF HOPE



ANNUAL REPORT 2022- 2023

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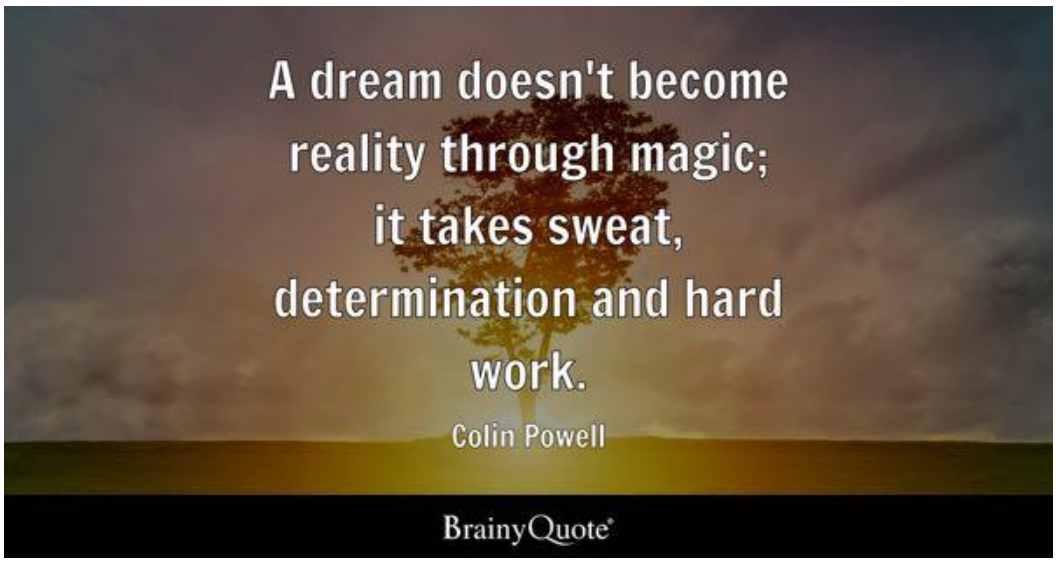
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1. MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Dear Donors and Supporters,

As the Chairperson of Radiance Foundation, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the remarkable success we achieved this year. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to help many people regain their vision through cataract surgeries. Your support has made a significant difference in the lives of those who were suffering from vision impairments.

Your donations have given hope to those who were struggling with cataracts and had no means to get treated otherwise. Your contributions have enabled us to shorten the waiting list at the Eerste River Eye Hospital and provide timely and efficient treatment to those in need.

It is often said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Your generosity has made a profound impact on the lives of those we serve. Through your donations, you have helped people see the world in a new light and enjoy a better quality of life.

We are grateful for your unwavering support and hope to continue our mission in the coming year. With your help, we can make a difference in the lives of many more people. Together, we can achieve our goal of giving a ray of hope to those in need.

Thank you for your generosity, support, and commitment to our cause. We look forward to another successful year with your continued help.

Sincerely,



Anita Janse van Rensburg

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022 – 2023

2.1. Saturday Surgeries





Thank you very much Dr Junet van der Merwe for your continuous hard work seeing, screening and operate patients that is in desperate need of eye surgery.

We were fortunate to have been involved in a cataract surgery drive in Touws River, which made the SABC news. See the clip here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qK_l1xT2kNg

Dr David Steven has joined the Radiance Foundation team during this year. We would like to thank him for his vital service as Ophthalmologist at Eerste River Hospital, where our Saturday Surgeries take place. He has been our liaison between Radiance Foundation and the Eerste River Eye Hospital, even before he assumed a position on the board this year. We are extremely fortunate and grateful for the contributions he is making to our cause.

He has contributed to a media interview about backlogs and cataracts in July 2022, read it here: https://www.medicalbrief.co.za/prioritise-cataract-surgeries-urge-sa-experts-as-backlogs-build-up/

- From 1 March 2022 to 28 February 2023, 21 Radiance Foundation consultations were conducted by Dr van der Merwe at her private practice, free of charge.

- Radiance Foundation has now funded a total of 697 cataract surgeries from inception.

- In this financial year, running from 1 March 2022 – 28 February 2023, a massive 297 operations were performed at Eerste River Eye Hospital. That figure alone is ± 43% of the total operations Radiance Foundation has funded and initiated to date. More on the Gift of the Givers participation to achieve this remarkable feat*, later in this report.*

2.2. New projects and collaborations





Grootte Schuur cornea surgery team

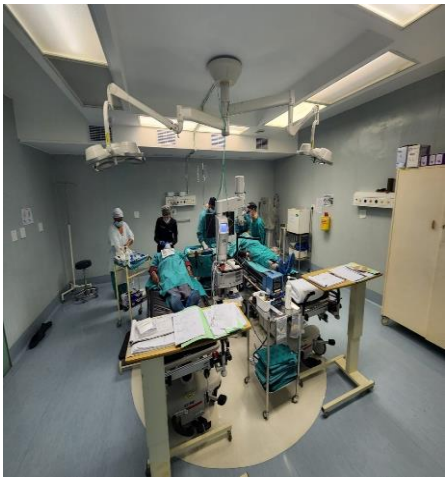
Dr Hamzah Mustak is one of our board members, but also a true philanthropist and pioneer. He continues to make valuable contributions to the eye health of patients from the Western Cape and even abroad. We at Radiance Foundation celebrate his successes with him. Even though he is mainly based at Grootte Schuur Hospital, his contribution to Oculoplastics Oncology, Orbital pathology, Ocular Oncology (which procedures are at times funded through Radiance Foundation) is innovative, exciting, and ground-breaking to say the least. In our previous financial year we reported that it was through dr Hamzah's involvement with catch up eye surgeries that Gift of the Givers started their journey with us on the alleviating of cataract waiting lists.

Read more about one of the ground breaking surgeries he was involved in during the course of this financial year: https://www.westerncape.gov.za/news/groote-schuur-hospital-performs-first-cornea-surgery-south-africa

2.3 Donations

We are once again immensely thankful to all the donors who have helped us to continue with Radiance Foundation's eye care initiatives thus far. We are extremely excited to raise funds in 2023 to be able to continue to make a difference in one life at a time.

On 23 July 2022, with the financial assistance of Gift of the Givers, we had a Mandela Day Saturday Surgery drive of 40 cataract surgeries. A drive of this magnitude is only possible with the so called "Two bed system" concept brought back to South Africa from India about 10 years ago by our very own dr David Steven and dr Junet van der Merwe. It was a productive, in'sight'ful and delightful day where one of our sponsors, Wendy Kemp of Accountability, joined us to experience the gratefulness of the patients and medical personnel of Eerste River Eye Hospital alike. Thank you for every contribution to bring sight to the Western Cape!



The "two bed system" in operation



Wendy Kemp, CEO of Accountability with Dr David Steven in the operating room

2.4 Fundraising

This year we are grateful beyond measure for the involvement of Gift of the Givers with the endeavours and causes of Radiance Foundation. Their contributions in continued funding had sped up our rate of doing surgeries as we did not have to wait for funds generated by fundraising events only to the extent that we had to in the past, to conduct our Saturday surgeries, screening and references.



Dr Naeem Kathrada, Dr Junet van der Merwe, Dr Imtiaz Sooliman, Dr David Steven

Message from our dr Junet van der Merwe on 21 July 2022:

"I had the honour and privilege to meet Dr Imtiaz Sooliman and Dr Naeem Kathrada. I have long been blown away by the work of Gift of the Givers. We are over the moon that the Radiance Foundation can work with Gift of the Givers. And thank you to Dr David Steven for his unrelentless fight against blindness in the Western Cape."

2.5 More Media Exposure

We were fortunate that Radiance Foundation was featured on a selection of tv interviews, newspaper articles and radio broadcasting during the course of this year.

On 9 June 2022 Madeleine Pretorius, one of the board members of Radiance Foundation, a successful businesswoman herself, with a finger in many pies, had a insightful and informative interview with de Junet van der Merwe on Durbanville TV. We thank Madeleine for creating the opportunity for Radiance Foundation to gain more exposure in which she can touch hearts and make Radiance Foundation a household name for eye surgeries. See their interview here: https://tv.digicentral.co.za/durbanville-tv/durbanville-lifestyle/mense-wat-inspireer-met-madeleine-pretorius-dr-junet-van-der-merwe



3. FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE OVERVIEW

As a non-profit organisation we are solely reliant on donations and fund raising. We were again able to meet all of our financial obligations and thanks to Izak and his team at IJS Consulting for always delivering top-class accounting services to Radiance Foundation, we are compliant in our accounting objectives as we have been from the start. Contact us via email anita@radiancelight.co.za if you want to have a look at our annual financial statements.

We would like to make use of this opportunity to specifically thank Desiré Bezuidenhout at IJS Consulting for her loyal, trustworthy, and efficient service in assisting with the day to day financial and accounting obligations of Radiance Foundation.

4. FUTURE PLANS

Radiance Foundation remains dedicated in raising funds to support underprivileged patients in need of cataract eye surgery at Eersterivier Eye Hospital as well as eye care initiatives managed by Dr. Mustak.

We have also been approached by other public hospitals conducting cataract surgeries in their communities, to assist them in setting up a structure similar to the one used by Radiance Foundation, to enable them to also speed up the waiting time of patients on the waiting list for cataract surgeries, even simply screenings and consultations.

We are excited to become involved in the expansion of our idea and hope to bring more light to people's eyes that they can efficiently contribute to their communities and our society as a whole.

We will continue with our efforts to motivate organisations and individuals alike to partner with us in reaching our goals.

