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"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."

- ALBERT EINSTEIN



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INTRODUCTION

HISTORY OF M S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Manu and Rika Shah founded MSI in 1975, in the basement of their home in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. MSI is now the largest importer and distributor in the world of Premium Surfaces including granite, marble, porcelain and ceramic tiles, slate, travertine, limestone and other natural stone products from 37 countries. Most notably, MSI provided the granite for the Vietnam Memorial in DC.

Manu and Rika Shah established Sarva Mangal Family Trust (Sarva Mangal means 'let all be happy' in Sanskrit) over 20 years ago with compassion as their driving force for philanthropy. Manu's vision for SMFT is to act as a catalyst, challenge status quo, nurture passionate change-makers and support leapfrogging ideas that are scalable and sustainable. Today, all members from the Shah family are involved in social impact initiatives that are undertaken by SMFT. Manu supports VOSAP — Voice of Specially Abled People, which has created over 10,000 change makers and rated over 18,000 buildings rated for accessibility. He also supports Lend a hand India, which provides digital vocational training to over 300,000 students in 20,000 schools.

In 2007, Mr. Manu Shah was named Ernst & Young's national Entrepreneur of the Year in the distribution, manufacturing, and security category.

ABOUT SARVA MANGAL FAMILY TRUST

Established in 1994 by the Founders of M S International, Inc. The mission of the Sarva Mangal Family Trust is to improve and strengthen the health, education and they illness of communities and help them prepare for global jobs of the 21st century. Sarva Mangal is a Sanskrit word which means Goodness to All.

To advance this mission, the Sarva Mangal Family Trust has donated to and is continuing to work with various organizations and programs in health promotion and prevention, assisting victims of domestic violence, empowering seniors, entrepreneurship, technological literacy, community activism, and children's education.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



SMFT BRINGS HOPE: 2 NEW SCHOOLS SET TO UPLIFT LIVES IN GUJARAT

Sarva Mangal Family Trust has funded two primary schools in Ghuntu and Nichi Mandal zone of Gujarat. Groundbreaking ceremonies of both the schools took place on the same day. The ceremony at Nichi Mandal was attended by Mr. Lokesh Mehta and MSI vendors Mr. Khimji Kundariya, Mr. Vipul Kundariya and Mr. Mohan Kundariya while in Ghuntu, Mr. Kaushal Gandhi and MSI Vendors in Morbi were present. These schools are part of SMFT-Project Life partnership to improve access to education in Gujarat by rebuilding dilapidated schools.

EVENT – PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

April 2025 – SMFT recognizes the urgent need for collaboration to ensure timely and appropriate aid reaches those unable to afford essential resources and healthcare. With this inclusive vision in mind, SMFT facilitated a visit by Dr. Tina, trustee of Shrimad Rajchandra Sarvamangal Trust (SRST), to Karnataka for a two-day preliminary assessment on April 16th and 17th. The visit aimed to lay the foundation for long-term, transformative support. Dr. Tina was accompanied by Ms. Smitha, Ms. Falguni, and the SMFT team. Together, they SMFT-supported visited two NGOs—Mathrushree Manovikasa Kendra and Prerana Trust for Disabled. The team coordinated the event, conducted a desk review, and gathered critical field data to inform future planning and impactful resource allocation.

On April 16th, the team visited Prerana Trust in Mandya, where they met children with visual, cognitive, and developmental disabilities. A total of 67 children were assessed, grouped by specific needs, allowing the team to identify key medical specializations required for a comprehensive and inclusive future intervention plan.

On April 17th, the group visited both Mathrushree Manovikasa Kendra centers—Bangalore and Nelamangala—assessing 103 beneficiaries. Dr. Tina personally reviewed documentation and interacted closely with each child to better understand individual requirements. The SMFT team supported by producing a detailed video documentary, which was later presented to SRST's core team for strategic program planning and review.

This initiative stands as a strong testament to collaborative impact. Through this coordinated effort, meaningful support will soon reach those in need of quality healthcare and rehabilitative services—paving the way for sustainable, inclusive, and compassionate outreach.









NGO VISIT – PRATHAM

April 2025 – On April 2nd, the SMFT Team visited an SMFT-funded project with Pratham on Early Childhood Education in Faridabad district, Haryana. During the visit, three Anganwadi Centres were observed, where the team learned how Pratham helps Anganwadi Workers enhance early childhood development through focused training and practical resources.

A child's brain is 90% developed by age six. Investing in early development is crucial for a country's future and long-term progress. Pratham supports this mission by training Anganwadi staff to prepare effective teaching materials, providing flashcards for interactive learning, offering a structured academic curriculum, and aiding in assessments of both developmental milestones and social context.

The project's goal isn't just literacy or numeracy, but broader developmental areas—hand-eye coordination, social skills, and expressiveness. "We're not teaching a course; we're preparing children for school," said one Anganwadi Worker. "Rather than teaching 1–100 for a week, I let them play with beads or sticks to build wrist strength."

During the visit, Mr. Rajender Sharma (State Lead, Pratham) explained how Pratham-Anganwadi interaction works in Faridabad: "Out of 1,297 Centres, we work with 117. Each district has a dedicated team—District and Assistant Coordinators—who visit centres monthly to understand the needs of Anganwadi workers, report to the Cluster Manager and State Lead. Based on this, we plan targeted training sessions or engage the Government directly."

Though Pratham's work primarily centers on empowering Anganwadi Workers, they also advocate with relevant Government authorities for increased investment—making the project both economical and highly scalable.









NGO VISIT – AMERICAN INDIA FOUNDATION

April 2025 – SMFT-funded American India Foundation (AIF) is committed to strengthening livelihoods across India. One of its impactful projects in Rewari, Haryana empowers women to break free from traditional roles and explore their individuality beyond the confines of their homes. This initiative is known as the Training-cum-Production Centre (TPC).

Despite Haryana's historical gender imbalance, Rewari stands out with a relatively better sex ratio and progressive outlook. On April 3, 2025, the SMFT Team visited the AIF TPC in Rewari to witness its impact and meet a successful program beneficiary.

Established in 2021 with just 15 women, the TPC has steadily grown, training 150 women over three years. Even after its formal closure in 2024, 40 women continue to operate it independently. The centre offers skills training in stitching, bookkeeping, financial literacy, invoice generation, and market linkage activities like business communication and negotiation. Graduates receive dual certification from AIF in partnership with SMFT and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), boosting their employability and confidence.

"It's wonderful to see these women. I remember when outreach efforts faced constant rejection because women feared even asking their families for permission to work. Now, they approach us!" shared Mr. Jitendra, AIF's North Regional Manager.

TPC functions as a self-sustaining unit, fulfilling orders from eight repeat clients. AIF supports the business with a team including a master trainer, outreach worker, market officer, and city manager.

During the visit, the team met a beneficiary who launched a home-based unit within six months, employed four women, and trained her husband. Her success illustrates how skill-building can foster financial independence, challenge gender roles, and spark broader community transformation.









NGO VISIT – SHRIMAD RAJCHANDRA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR WOMEN

April 2025 – The SMFT team visited the SMFT-supported tribal women empowerment initiatives of Shrimad Rajchandra Love and Care in Dharampur on April 8th and 18th, 2025. These initiatives include the Raj Uphaar manufacturing unit and the upcoming Shrimad Rajchandra Centre of Excellence for Women.

On April 8, the team visited the Raj Uphaar manufacturing unit to observe FMCG (Fast Moving Consumer Goods) production under the 'Raj Amrut' label. Raj Uphaar empowers over 200 tribal women by providing them a respectable income and self-reliance. The production process—dough preparation, packaging, labeling, storage, and distribution—is carried out in dedicated rooms.

The team spoke with a tribal woman who has worked at the unit for two years. She expressed optimism about relocating to the new centre, stating that the additional space and manpower will improve production and ease current challenges.

On April 18, the team, along with the Raj Uphaar staff, visited the Centre of Excellence to assess construction progress. The centre aims to empower over 700 tribal women and will house multiple units: Raj Amrut for snacks and desserts, Raj Saurabh for home essentials, and Raj Kruti for handicrafts, textiles, and homeware, along with a warehouse.

Construction of the Raj Amrut building is nearly complete and expected to be operational by late 2025. It will include a food production unit on the ground floor and a skill development centre on the second floor.

The team also noted the Raj Saurabh building is under construction with its foundation completed. These efforts underscore SRLC's and SMFT's shared commitment to holistic rural development and improving the lives of tribal women.









NGO VISIT – SHRIMAD RAJCHANDRA SARVAMANGAL UNIVERSITY

April 2025 – The SMFT team visited the SMFT-supported education initiatives of Shrimad Rajchandra Love and Care on April 15th in Dharampur. These initiatives provide quality education and employment opportunities to underserved communities in South Gujarat.

The team, along with the SRMD team, visited the construction site of Shrimad Rajchandra Sarvamangal University in Karanjveri. Phase one includes a nursery college, library, and cafeteria, with future plans for a sports complex, hostels, and more. They also visited the designated sites for these buildings. Upon completion, the university aims to deliver transformative education with a focus on disadvantaged communities. The team also noted the plan to relocate Neem and Cashew trees at the library site—demonstrating a commitment to environmental sustainability by minimizing ecosystem disruption and supporting native flora.

Later, the team visited the Shrimad Rajchandra Skill Development Centre, a 5,000 sq. ft. residential facility offering free skill development and placement support to tribal youth in gems and jewellery, electrical, and IT sectors. Courses run in 30-student batches, with trainers trained under the "Training of Trainers" (ToT) program to ensure instructional quality. The centre partners with industries to facilitate job placements.

At the centre, the team met the Project Manager of the Shrimad Rajchandra Education Outreach Programme (SREOP), which impacts over 43,000 students annually. Programs include the Udyam project, Divinetouch sessions, and a community development initiative supporting 12 villages in accessing government schemes, healthcare, and livelihoods. Through these initiatives, SRLC and SMFT aim to uplift rural students and expand access to quality education.









NGO VISIT – VISION AND ANEMIA SCREENING CAMP

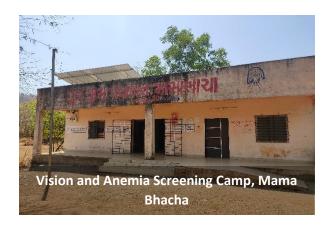
April 2025 – The SMFT team visited two-day health camps in South Gujarat, supported by SMFT and implemented by Shrimad Rajchandra Love and Care through Shrimad Rajchandra Hospital. These programs offer free vision care and anemia detection to rural populations.

On April 21, the SMFT team visited Mama Bhacha Gram Panchayat with the hospital's Vision and Anemia teams to conduct screenings. Vision tests were done for 61 individuals, and 30 received free eyeglasses. The team used a manual trial set and QuickSee Autorefractor, which proved especially useful for individuals unable to articulate their vision issues. The Anemia team screened individuals and distributed iron and folic acid supplements to those with Hb levels below 11.

On April 22, a similar camp was held at the Milk Dairy in Jamaliya village. Vision and anemia screenings were conducted for 63 individuals. Eyeglasses were given to 43 people, and many received both iron-folic tablets and glasses. Beneficiaries were from low-income households, many of whom had avoided hospitals due to distance and costs.

During the visit, a housewife named Saroj was found to have an Hb level of 10.7. She had never sought hospital care despite feeling weak. The team provided Albendazole, Iron-Folic supplements, and eyeglasses after detecting poor vision. Saroj expressed gratitude for the care and improvement in her sight.

Without the SMFT-supported SRH camps, beneficiaries like Saroj in tribal areas with limited access would have remained untreated. The intervention significantly improved their well-being.









NGO IN FOCUS APRIL'25 - SIGHT AND SKETCHES

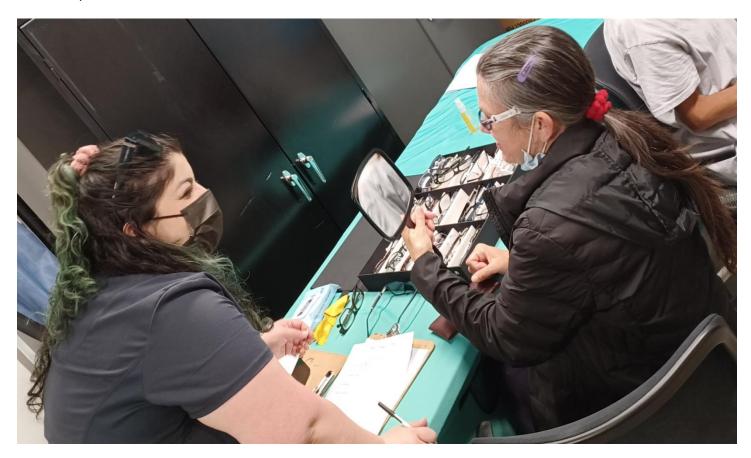
About the Nonprofit

Sight & Sketches, a fiscally sponsored project of OneOC, is a Southern California grassroots medical and humanitarian relief effort.

The medical portion 'Sight' provides no-cost vision screenings, prescription eyeglasses, and provides education to refugees and underserved communities domestically and abroad. The humanitarian portion 'Sketches' unifies its communities by engaging in various forms of art and cultural projects, which are essential elements of mental health and healing. Engaging the target population in art fosters community and boosts self-esteem. Art enhances focus, emotional skills, relaxation, and socialization, strengthening communities and bridging well-being gaps.



Since its inception, Sight & Sketches has positively impacted over 89,000 individuals through free vision care and art-based mental health sessions. These initiatives are supported through strong partnerships with local clinics and ongoing community involvement.



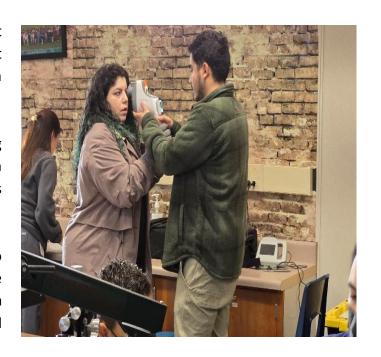
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About the SMFT Funded Project

Preventative medicine is often overlooked and not utilized to its capacity in underserved and forced migrant populations. It is, however, a vital entity for building a strong and healthy community.

Sight is a simple solution to bridge this gap by providing no-cost vision screenings and exams, prescription eyeglasses, and patient and provider education to this vulnerable population.

The specific objective for this SMFT funded project is to provide underserved and homeless individuals with free vision care and prescription eyeglasses while using a combination of the QuickSee device, refraction, and other vision exam equipment.





NGO IN FOCUS APRIL'25 – SIGHT AND SKETCHES (Cont.)

Project Location/Geography

- Downey Unified School District elementary and middle schools, California.
- Illumination Foundation homeless shelters,
 Anaheim and Santa Ana, California.

Recent Project Updates

The Technicians are demonstrating increased speed and efficiency with the QuickSee device, while consistently utilizing the updated frame selection process to enhance the patient experience. New trainees are incorporating the latest technology, contributing to improved workflow and greater efficiency in both the examination and optical areas.





NGO IN FOCUS APRIL'25 - SIGHT AND SKETCHES (Cont.)

Overall Impact

- As of March 2025, this specific project provided free vision care to 19,706 individuals and delivered 3,687 pairs of prescription eyeglasses directly to patients. Since its inception in 2016, Sight & Sketches has reached a total of 95,706 underserved individuals, significantly improving access to essential eye care services.
- The free vision care initiative is important and especially vital for individuals in refugee camps, rural
 areas, or low-income communities who would otherwise have no access to eye care. The use of
 portable technology like the QuickSee device allows care to be delivered even in remote or
 challenging settings.
- Clear vision enhances academic performance in children, boosts productivity for adults, and supports independence and safety for seniors. This access to basic eye care enables people to participate more actively in education, work, and daily life, helping them reach their full potential.



NGO IN FOCUS APRIL'25 – SIGHT AND SKETCHES (Cont.)

Highlight of the Month

Sight & Sketches was recognized by *IndiaWest* and featured in their monthly newsletter for its impactful work in providing free vision care and prescription eyeglasses to those in need. The coverage also emphasized the organization's relief efforts and global outreach in supporting underserved communities during difficult times. Additionally, it highlighted the support and mission of the Sarva Mangal Family Trust in advancing the initiative to make eye care accessible to underserved populations.



Awards

Sight and Sketches was honored with the following awards:

- Certificate of Recognition for Community Service: Turkiye 2016 & 2018
- Certificate of Recognition for Community Service: California Legislature Assembly- Orange, CA 2013
- Certificate of Appreciation: Medical Network Devoted to Service (MiNDS)- Orange, CA 2013



NGO IN FOCUS APRIL'25 - SIGHT AND SKETCHES (Cont.)

In the News

Sight & Sketches and its co-founders have been featured in various news outlets like <u>IndiaWest</u>, the <u>Daily Titan</u>, Optometry Times, Cal State Fullerton Spotlight, the OC Register, and Al Jazeera News, highlighting their work in art, healthcare, and underserved communities.



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The effect of contoured prism lenses on chronic headaches: a case study

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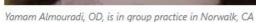


Reduced symptoms and medication use after a 90-day follow-up



A case study of a patient who suffered from chronic daily headaches is presented in which use of contoured prism technology reduced the patient's symptoms and use of medication. More studies are warranted to investigate these results further.

Ground-in prism and lens decentration are routinely utilized by optometrists and ophthalmologists to relieve symptoms of trigeminal dysphoria. This case study follows a symptomatic adult Caucasian male over 90 days to determine the effects of contoured prism technology on debilitating chronic daily headaches, using a validated Headache Impact Test (HIT-6).





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Sight and Sketches: Bringing Clear Vision to Underserved Communities

Southern California — Thousands of underserved individuals, including schoolchildren, are now seeing the world more clearly thanks to Sight and Sketches, a groundbreaking initiative providing free vision care and prescription glasses to those in need.

Through a unique combination of advanced technology, including the QuickSee device and professional vision exams, the initiative has already transformed over 16,600 lives, exceeding its original goal for 2024.

A Vision for Change

The program, supported by Sarva Mangal Family Trust (SMFT), began in October 2023 with a mission to make eye care accessible for all, particularly for homeless individuals and students in low-income communities. Sight and Sketches has expanded its reach across Downey Unified

School District elementary and middle schools, ensuring students receive the care they need to succeed academically and in life.

"Clear vision is a gateway to opportunity," says a spokesperson for Sight and Sketches. "Because of SMFT's support, children who previously struggled to see the board in class can now fully participate and excel."

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

- Total individuals served as of Dec 31, 2024: 16,616
- · Prescription glasses provided: 2,976
- · Q4 2024 impact alone: 1,692 individuals, 389 glasses
- Technicians trained in advanced QuickSee technology

Global Outreach: Extending Support Beyond Borders

While Sight and Sketches remains deeply committed to underserved communities in the U.S., the organization has also played a crucial role in international humanitarian relief efforts, addressing urgent medical needs in crisis-stricken areas.

Türkiye & Syrla Earthquake Relief

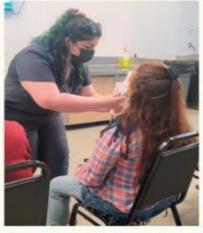
Following the devastating Türkiye-Syria earthquake, Sight and Sketches facilitated a collaborative humanitarian effort, connecting the Anekant Community Center (ACC), SMFT, and other donors with a Syrian physician to provide aid to thousands.

The relief efforts included:

Providing Mobility Aid – Shipped three 40-foot containers from India filled with prostheses, wheelchairs, and crutches to help those with mobility impairments.

Mobile Prosthetic Van – Supported the creation of a mobile prosthetic van, allowing trained professionals to travel directly to survivors in need, ensuring proper fitting and training for prosthetic limbs.

Mental Health Support - Helped women and children cope







with trauma by arranging mental health counseling, offering crucial psychological support in the aftermath of devastation.

Malaysia: Advancing Vision Care in Remote Regions

Expanding its commitment to vision health globally, Sight and Sketches led a groundbreaking initiative in Malaysia, focusing on educational workshops and provider training. In collaboration with ACC, the organization worked alongside Malaysia's Optometry University and medical professionals from a remote region's main hospital to:

 Train optometrists and ophthalmologists in diagnosing and treating Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)-related visual impairments, a severely overlooked condition.

 Provide hands-on workshops for medical professionals to improve their skills in vision therapy and rehabilitation.

 Address a critical gap in eye care by introducing early intervention methods for patients affected by TBIs.

Overcoming Challenges & Looking Ahead

 Like any ambitious program, Sight and Sketches faced hurdles, including clinic rescheduling due to school events. However, the team adapted swiftly, training new opticians and improving exam efficiency and frame selection to enhance the patient experience.

 In 2025, the organization aims to expand its range of eyeglass styles, colors, and sizes, while continuing to refine its service delivery.

A Message of Gratitude

As the project enters its third year, Sight and Sketches extends heartfelt thanks to SMFT and its board members for their unwavering support. "Your generosity is changing lives. Because of your commitment, underserved kids can now see and achieve their full potential."

With continued dedication, Sight and Sketches is set to brighten the future for thousands more—one pair of glasses at a time.

For more information, visit sightandsketches.com

SUCCESS STORY – SIGHT AND SKETCHES

J.A., an older woman who has spent years experiencing the instability and hardship of homelessness, had gone five long years without any form of vision care. Life on the streets is already filled with countless challenges, but for

Name: J. A.

Location: California

Project: Sight & Sketches Vision Clinics-California

J.A., the added difficulty of seeing neither near nor faraway made even the most basic daily tasks, nearly impossible. Reading signs, recognizing faces, and simply navigating her surroundings became monumental obstacles. Without access to proper healthcare and the financial means to seek help, she endured in silence, her world growing dimmer with each passing year.

That changed when J.A. was connected with Sight & Sketches, an initiative dedicated to bringing eye care and dignity to underserved individuals. For the first time in half a decade, J.A. received a full and compassionate eye examination. During the visit, she was invited to choose a pair of eyeglasses—ones she could call her own. Her choice was immediate and heartfelt: a pair in her favorite color. It was a simple gesture, yet one that honored her individuality and restored a sense of choice and control that had been missing from her life for far too long.

When her new eyeglasses finally arrived, J.A. gently placed them on her face. The moment was electric. As her eyes adjusted and the world came into focus, she broke down in tears. Looking around with awe and disbelief, she whispered through emotion, "I can see again." Those four words carried weight far beyond their meaning—they spoke to years of hardship, quiet resilience, and now, transformation.

Everyone present felt the magnitude of that moment. It was more than just about sight. For J.A., it meant reclaiming a piece of her independence, a renewed confidence in herself, and a re-entry into a world that now seemed kinder and more navigable. The simple act of seeing clearly once more opened doors—literal and figurative—that had long been shut.

J.A.'s story is a powerful reminder that access to basic healthcare should never be a luxury. It is a fundamental human right. Her restored vision is symbolic of something even deeper: the ability to be seen, acknowledged, and valued. In that instant, she wasn't just a woman without a home—she was a person, fully present and full of possibility.

Her gratitude echoed a universal truth: when we care for the most vulnerable among us, we uplift our entire community. Sight & Sketches didn't just provide a pair of eyeglasses—they offered hope, dignity, and a second chance at a brighter future.

SUCCESS STORY – SIGHT AND SKETCHES

A.V., a bright and curious young boy in the 2nd grade, had never undergone an eye exam. Like many children, he had no way of expressing that his view of the world was different—blurred, unfocused, and

Name: A.V.

Location: California

Project: Sight & Sketches Vision Clinics-California

disconnected. To him, the fuzziness of distant shapes and the strain of trying to read words on a page were simply how life was. It wasn't until his teacher began noticing signs—his struggle to follow lessons, his difficulty participating, and a quiet withdrawal from classroom activities—that the pieces of the puzzle began to fall into place.

During a school-based vision screening organized through Sight & Sketches, the truth came to light: A.V. was a high myope. He had been navigating his early years of education unable to see clearly. The discovery was as heartbreaking as it was eye-opening. No one had realized how deeply his uncorrected vision was impacting his learning and development.

Thanks to the support of Sight & Sketches, A.V. was promptly given a thorough eye exam and received prescription eyeglasses tailored to his needs. The moment he put them on, the world transformed. For the first time, he could see the chalkboard from his seat, recognize his classmates' faces, and read the words in his storybooks without strain. What had once been a daily challenge became a new opportunity.

The change was immediate and profound. With the ability to see clearly, A.V. began participating enthusiastically in class. He raised his hand more often, engaged in group activities, and started exploring books with an excitement that had never been there before. His grades improved steadily, and so did his confidence. No longer feeling left behind, he found a sense of belonging in the classroom. His classmates and teachers noticed the difference—a brighter smile, a lifted posture, and a spark of joy that came from feeling capable and seen.

For A.V., the gift of vision was more than just a pair of eyeglasses—it was a gateway to possibility. His story illustrates a powerful truth: when we remove barriers to basic care, children can flourish. What might seem like a small intervention—a simple vision check—can become the turning point in a child's journey. It can reignite their potential, restore their confidence, and open the door to a future full of promise.

Through Sight & Sketches, A.V. received more than just a clearer vision. He was given the chance to fall in love with learning, to imagine new dreams, and to see himself as capable and deserving of success. His story reminds us that every child deserves the tools to thrive—and sometimes, it starts with seeing the world clearly for the very first time.



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