

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." - Helen Keller



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Our Mission

KnowtheGlow (KTG) is a US based non-profit organization that seeks, as its mission, to achieve the global elimination of preventable Glow-related childhood blindness through public awareness of the Glow, leukocoria.

Through its website, social media and other

channels, KTG has been forming global collaborations with health professionals, NGOs, service workers and families all structured around building awareness regarding the prevalence and outcomes of leukocoria-related eye disease/blindness.

OUR VISION

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Message From Our Co-Founder



2024 has been an extraordinary year for KTG. Not only have we expanded our reach into multiple continents and added amazing new country ambassadors but we have begun to see our

collaborative advocacy flourish in ways we had not even dreamed of a year ago. Attending conferences in Greece, Mexico, Kuala Lumpur, and the US has opened up a world of possibilities and wonderful new connections. Finding ways to link arms with other doctors, NGOs, and organizations involved in preventing pediatric blindness and cancer has us all more inspired and invigorated than ever. Being asked to be part of the panel on opening day of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness 2030 In Sight Live event in Mexico was a special honor and having an entire panel session titled “Know The Glow Around The Globe” at the Hawaii One RB World Conference was an amazing way to showcase the work we are doing nationally and abroad. It was a wonderful gift to be able to see

how the KTG message of awareness is one also of hope for so many of the conference attendees who face unique challenges in each of their home countries.

At KTG we are more optimistic than ever about the future of pediatric vision globally. The KTG vision of eliminating glow-related preventable childhood blindness suddenly seems nearly within reach. Seeing the WHO list Retinoblastoma as one of its six indexed cancers for focus by 2030 due to its potential for early detection and intervention means the world is ready to help us share this message of awareness. Working alongside our incredible KTG volunteers, our patient family ambassadors, our doctors, researchers, students and global partners, there is a future brimming with opportunity, and we can't wait to be part of it. For now, though, we are beyond grateful for the gifts of this year all made possible by the generous support of our KTG donors and families. We can't wait to see what 2025 might bring, but we know it will be another year full of breathtaking surprises and global inspiration!

Artie Collaboration With The IAPB

KTG is excited to partner with the **International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)** for World Sight Day 2024 to launch the “Love Your Child’s Eyes” campaign. Introducing Artie, this year’s mascot, with a glow in his eye, we aim to highlight the importance of pediatric eye health and early detection. Artie’s glowing eye symbolizes awareness for conditions like retinoblastoma and pediatric cataracts, which can appear as a “glow” in photos, signaling the need for early intervention to prevent blindness.

As Artie spotlights more than 20 pediatric

vision conditions, he reminds families of the value of regular eye exams. We invite everyone to learn more about Artie and watch for unusual

reflections in children’s eyes. Artie’s message is clear: “Spot the glow, save a child’s sight.” Together, we can ensure that more children worldwide receive essential eye care and promote global eye health awareness.



Partnership Childhood Cancer International

KnowTheGlow is proud to announce our membership in **Childhood Cancer International (CCI)**, marking an exciting new chapter in our mission to eliminate preventable childhood blindness. This partnership with CCI, a global leader in the fight against childhood cancer, will allow us to combine efforts in raising awareness, advocating for early detection, and supporting families affected by childhood cancers, particularly retinoblastoma. Together, we look forward to amplifying our global reach,



expanding educational resources, and driving impactful advocacy for policies that prioritize early detection of both childhood eye diseases and cancer. We are honored to join CCI in creating a brighter, healthier future for children worldwide.

Optoglobe and Pemije Gadinoh



KTG is thrilled to announce our collaboration with **Optoglobe**, a global community of optometry students founded by **Pemije Gadinoh**, an enthusiastic young optometry student from the University of Benin School of Optometry in Nigeria. This exciting partnership, led by Pemije's vision and passion, aims to inspire optometry students worldwide to raise awareness about leukocoria (The Glow) and the importance of early detection of childhood eye diseases.

As part of this collaboration, KTG and Optoglobe launched an international video contest open to optometry students around the world. This initiative encouraged students to create impactful videos promoting awareness of The Glow, spreading critical information about childhood eye health and empowering communities to recognize early warning signs.

The video contest was judged by a prestigious panel of experts, including **Dr. Yogita Rajgandhi, Dr. Ifeoma Echieh, Dr. Victoria Weiss, Dr. Maryam Jabbar, and Dr. Didi Fabian**. We are proud to announce the winners of this inspiring competition:

1st Place-Joann Lituan (Philippines)

2nd Place Erica Levinson (USA)

3rd Place Dollars Wang (USA)

Honorable Mentions:: Rameem Read (Jordan)
and Angel Aroaye (Nigeria)

Pemije also represented both Optoglobe and KTG at the Nigerian Optometric Students Association (NOSA) conference, further strengthening our commitment to engaging the next generation of vision care professionals in the fight against preventable childhood blindness.

We are immensely grateful for the support of Optoglobe and its community of optometry students, who are dedicated to making a difference. Together, we look forward to continuing our mission of raising global awareness of The Glow and advocating for early vision screenings for children everywhere.

Additional Developments and Partnerships



A special shout out to **Marissa Gonzales and Abby White** from **We C Hope** as they work to provide ArcLight Scopes to five countries within Sub-Saharan Africa. KTG is honored to work alongside We C Hope and ArcLight to find innovative ways to support the doctors and communities in Africa. Moved by the presentation in Mombasa given by Dr. **Andrew Blaikie**, Marissa personally committed to providing Arclights to five nations and they have been delivered! Ghana, Tanzania, Nigeria and Uganda have Arclights in hand and more will be arriving soon! We will look forward to sharing more about how this unique collaboration will lead to saved sight globally!



This year, KTG forged inspiring partnerships with **Kids Kicking Cancer-Texas** and **1Focus**, organizations dedicated to making a profound difference in the lives of children with vision challenges.

Steve & Brooke McCauley, parents of a child with retinoblastoma and representatives of Kids Kicking Cancer-Texas, shared a heartfelt account of their family's journey. Their work emphasizes the critical need for prosthetic eyes, focusing on ensuring that children in need receive this life-changing resource, bringing hope and renewed confidence to families worldwide.



Our partnership with **1Focus**, led by **Dr. Dan Alter**, President of Focus Inc., was made possible through an introduction by **Dr. Yamilee Chérubin**, Haiti's only pediatric ophthalmologist. Dr. Alter and 1Focus are dedicated to addressing disparities in vision care by bridging gaps between advanced treatments and underserved communities. Their commitment to equitable eye care serves as a powerful beacon of hope in the global fight against preventable blindness.

These partnerships strengthen KTG's mission to ensure every child, no matter their circumstances, has access to the care they deserve.

Updates on Medical Advisory Board



KTG is honored to welcome **Yogita Rajgandhi**, an esteemed optometrist and low-vision specialist, to our Medical Advisory Board. With a distinguished career in eye care and community service across India,

Rajgandhi has made significant contributions in 2024 through educational workshops, innovative technology initiatives, and community engagement.

This year, Rajgandhi led impactful workshops on low-vision rehabilitation, including a prominent session at **Sir J.J. Hospital in Mumbai**, and facilitated the distribution of AI-powered Smart Vision Glasses to visually impaired individuals in Maharashtra. Her community contributions have been celebrated by organizations like the Lions Club of Kapadwanj and recognized at educational events, such as Republic Day celebrations at Mithibai Rashtriya Seva Yojana primary school.

Rajgandhi's work exemplifies a commitment to advancing eye health and empowering those with visual impairments, making her a valuable asset to



Dr. Aswin Mallipatna, a distinguished member of KTG's Medical Advisory Board and a leading expert at **Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto**, will represent KTG at the upcoming ISOO conference in Goa, India, in December 2024. He

will speak at the workshop on the "**RB India 2030 Goal for 2020 Vision**," sharing the collective efforts of KTG and **IKSHA** in advancing early detection and raising awareness about retinoblastoma.

In addition to his advocacy work, Dr. Mallipatna is

In 2024, **Dr. Jesse Berry**, Director of Ocular Oncology and the Retinoblastoma Program at **Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA)**, has continued to lead transformative advancements in retinoblastoma research. Heading an international study across 18 centers and supported by a \$2.8 million grant from the **National Cancer Institute**, Dr. Berry's research explores the use of liquid biopsy techniques, specifically analyzing the aqueous humor, to detect genetic markers and gauge the severity of retinoblastoma. This approach offers a minimally invasive alternative to traditional biopsies, paving the way for more precise diagnoses and tailored treatment options. Recognized for her contributions to pediatric eye oncology, Dr. Berry remains committed to educating and mentoring the next generation of researchers, further establishing CHLA as a leader in the fight against pediatric eye cancers.



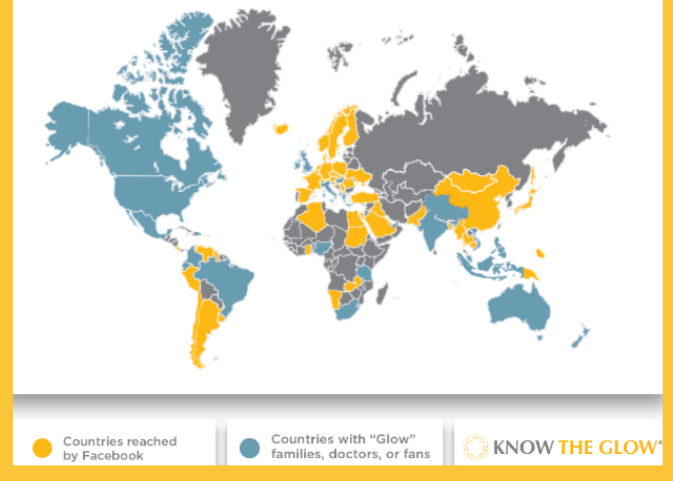
pioneering the development of 3D-printed models to enhance educational and diagnostic tools for retinoblastoma care. These innovative models will serve as a hands-on training resource for healthcare workers, showcasing abnormalities across diverse cases to ensure comprehensive learning. By equipping professionals with these tools, Dr. Mallipatna aims to bridge critical gaps in early diagnosis and treatment, ultimately saving more children's lives. He is currently preparing a set for **Sandra Staffieri** to test and utilize in Australia and Papua New Guinea, furthering global collaboration and innovation in the fight against childhood blindness.

Campaigns in 2024

In 2024, KTG has taken its mission to new heights, reaching families, advocates, and medical professionals across continents with critical awareness about “the Glow” and the life-saving actions it prompts. Building on over a decade of dedicated outreach, KTG’s Global Strategic Plan has extended to new regions this year, empowering communities and spreading knowledge to help detect childhood eye conditions early. This year’s campaigns brought KTG to **Brazil, Korea, Nigeria, Switzerland, and Belgium**, with an impactful mini-campaign in **India** in collaboration with the **IKSHA Foundation**, sharing our message in nine languages. Recognizing the urgent need to improve early diagnosis in areas with high retinoblastoma mortality rates, KTG has launched ongoing mini-campaigns across Sub-Saharan Africa to reach families year-round and encourage timely action.

With ambitious plans for 2025, KTG will bring

SAVING SIGHT WORLDWIDE



its glow awareness campaigns to **Uganda, Chile, Ghana, Nepal, Tibet, and the Democratic Republic of Congo**. Additionally, a year-long campaign will focus on French-speaking Sub-Saharan African nations, where children are especially vulnerable to late-stage diagnoses. Through partnerships with global NGOs and inspired grassroots efforts, KTG is ensuring our message resonates in every corner of the world. By shining a light on early detection, we can save sight, transform lives, and help create a future where every child’s vision is safeguarded.

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KTG's Reach Globally



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KTG has worked to increase our social media footprint globally across our multiple platforms. Below are the breakdowns of each of our awareness campaigns by country. Every chance we have to find a child with a vision threatening condition furthers our mission to prevent avoidable blindness and also increase early detection of life-threatening eye diseases.

KNOW THE GLOW'S ANNUAL REACH:

2022:
10,497,726

2023:
53,546,503

2024:
35,202,161
as of 8/15/24

OVERALL KPIS:



LINK CLICKS
KNOW THE GLOW ADVERTISING
1.2162M



REACH
KNOW THE GLOW ADVERTISING
22.492M



IMPRESSIONS
KNOW THE GLOW ADVERTISING
87.469M

PERFORMANCE BREAKDOWN:



INDIVIDUAL CAMPAIGN PERFORMANCE

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CAMPAIGN	CLICKS	REACH	IMPR.
MINI AFRICA CAMPAIGN - ENGLISH	709,895	9,437,643	44,518,560
NIGERIA CAMPAIGN	271,013	6,332,030	23,864,366
VIDEO CAMPAIGN	101,223	3,961,412	8,174,700
BRAZIL CAMPAIGN	47,197	1,219,348	3,069,525
RB AWARENESS - SECOND CAMPAIGN	35,861	1,446,235	5,880,440

Our Champions



As we reflect on this year, we are honored to highlight Paralympian and author **Kyle Coon**, whose journey from childhood retinoblastoma to athletic triumphs is an extraordinary testament to resilience. Diagnosed with bilateral retinoblastoma as a baby after his parents noticed an unusual glow in his eyes, Kyle underwent years of intense treatment and ultimately had both eyes removed. However, he refused to let blindness limit him.

Inspired by blind adventurer Erik Weißenmayer, Kyle embraced rock climbing and, later, paratriathlons. His determination led him to complete an Ironman in under 11 hours and to compete in two Paralympic Games, placing eighth in Paris this year. Kyle also authored **Discovering a Life Without Limits**, where he shares his journey of overcoming obstacles, and he motivates others to

achieve their dreams through his speaking engagements. KnowTheGlow celebrates Kyle's achievements and his powerful message of possibility for all.

As Regional Chair of **Latin America for Childhood Cancer International (CCI)** and founder of **Fundacion Nuestros Hijos**, Dr. **Marcela Zubieta** has dedicated her life to improving cancer care for children in Chile and across Latin America. Her journey began after her daughter Claudia's battle with a rare brain tumor underscored the lack of pediatric cancer resources in Chile, inspiring Dr. Zubieta to bring change to her homeland.

Since 1991, Fundacion Nuestros Hijos has transformed Chile's approach to childhood cancer, pioneering psychosocial programs, treatment access, hospital schools, and shelter initiatives that support families financially and emotionally. Her foundation also spearheaded the **ENLACE** program to strengthen local NGOs, a model now expanding across Latin America and Asia.

In collaboration with national and international organizations, Dr. Zubieta continues to advocate for early cancer detection, public awareness, and advanced treatments. She is a key contributor to **Chile's National Cancer Plan** and has empowered women in pediatric oncology. KnowTheGlow is honored to celebrate Dr. Zubieta's impact and looks forward to collaborative efforts to advance awareness and eliminate preventable childhood blindness in Latin America and beyond.



Dr. Dupe Ademola-Popoola, mentored by **Dr. Didi Fabian** from Israel, has become a pioneer in child eye health advocacy in Nigeria. Her approach focuses on sustainable, impactful awareness campaigns, using "flex material" flyers and virtual training through Telvis kits to reach broad audiences. Dr. Popoola's dedication to accessibility has driven innovations such as the **Tele-eye App** and a referral website, which assist health workers, teachers, and families in recognizing eye health concerns, particularly for retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) and retinoblastoma (RB). In January, Dr. Fabian joined Dr. Popoola in Nigeria to establish an intraocular chemotherapy lab, a milestone for local retinoblastoma care.

Additionally, Dr. Popoola aims to launch the **RB Care Alliance of Nigeria (RBCAN)**, an NGO advocating for early detection and holistic care. The alliance seeks to alleviate financial burdens on families by coordinating awareness, treatment, and rehabilitation through partnerships with NGOs.

Dr. Popoola's recent efforts have yielded significant progress, with fewer cases of advanced RB and



In the beautiful city of Penang, Malaysia, **Karrinzz Wong** faced a daunting journey when her two-year-old son, **Coddie**, was diagnosed with retinoblastoma after she noticed a concerning glow in his

eye. Following an initial examination and MRI at the local hospital, it was confirmed that 70% of Coddie's eye was affected, with visible seeding, marking an urgent need for specialized care. Karrinzz was referred to **Dr. Norhafizah Hamzah**, an ocular oncologist in Kuala Lumpur. Seeking more support, Karrinzz connected with KTG where Co-Founder Megan Webber arranged a Zoom call. Due to KTG's networking, Megan was able to introduce

In Nairobi County, Kenya, a mother's vigilance led to a life-changing diagnosis for her young son, **Andrew King**. In June 2021, **Sharon Atim** noticed a white reflex in Andrew's eye but received no confirmation from local doctors. It wasn't until November 2022, when Andrew's left eye turned red, that Sharon sought further help, eventually leading them to **Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH)**. In January 2023, after an initial misdiagnosis, **Dr. Kahaki Kimani** at KNH confirmed retinoblastoma. Sharon, initially hesitant, understood the urgency of treatment after a detailed explanation and bravely consented to surgery. Andrew's eye was enucleated, followed by four courses of chemotherapy.

Today, his follow-ups show no signs of cancer,

improved referral pathways. Her work represents a transformative force in Nigeria's eye care landscape, with a vision that every child can access life-saving interventions. Through collaboration, she and Megan Webber envision sustainable awareness campaigns that promise enduring change in children's eye health across Nigeria and beyond.

Dr. Norhafizah to **Dr. Boon Long Quah** in Singapore, creating a supportive team for Coddie. The collaboration with **We C Hope**, an organization dedicated to retinoblastoma support, provided Karrinzz with invaluable resources, guidance, and emotional support.

Coddie's treatment required enucleation and four rounds of chemotherapy. Despite initial challenges with his prosthesis, Coddie has completed his chemotherapy and continues to thrive, his resilience shining through. This powerful journey, supported by KTG, We C Hope, and dedicated medical professionals, is a testament to the strength of a global network working together to provide critical support and care. Coddie's story is a beacon of hope, reminding us all of the impact that compassionate collaboration can have on families facing retinoblastoma worldwide.

and he continues to thrive. Sharon learned about KnowTheGlow through KTG's Kenyan Ambassadors, **Grace Mbugua and Rhoda Mboga**, and is now part of the **Victorious Children Cancer Support group**. She hopes to raise awareness about the importance of early eye screenings. KTG is honored to share Andrew's story, a powerful reminder for parents to trust their instincts and seek prompt care if they notice The Glow in their child's eye.



For more 'Champion' stories, visit <https://knowtheglow.org/category/news/>

KTG in Person Around the Globe



EURBG Athens

KTG's Director of Global Outreach, **Helene Dameris**, represented the organization at the prestigious EURBG conference in Athens, Greece.

Organized by **Dr. Maria Pekianakis**, this event combined the **1st Ocular Oncology Happy Hour Symposium** with the **10th Annual European Retinoblastoma Group Meeting**, bringing together leading experts in ocular oncology and related fields. Highlights included groundbreaking presentations such as **Dr. Jesse Berry's** research on aqueous liquid biopsy for retinoblastoma, **Dr. Paulina Bartoszek's Baby Detect** genetic screening study, and **Dr. Helen Dimaras' work** on psychosocial support for retinoblastoma survivors. Advanced diagnostic and treatment techniques, including cell-free DNA blood testing, underscored the urgency of early detection as a "race against time."

Prominent specialists, including **Dr. David Abramson, Dr. Ashwin Reddy, Dr. Arun Singh, and Dr. Francis Munier**, joined the discussions, with ISOO President **Dr. Dan Gombos** and **Greek Health Minister Marios Themistokleous** emphasizing the importance of accessible local care. The event also celebrated the contributions of family support groups and NGOs, such as KTG partners Retinostop and Fundació La Nineta dels Ulls, in supporting patients emotionally. Networking opportunities, dinners, and a tour of the Acropolis Museum added a collaborative and inspiring touch.

Helene Dameris' participation reinforced KTG's dedication to advancing global retinoblastoma research, supporting families, and fostering international collaboration.

One Retinoblastoma World Conference , Honolulu

In Honolulu, Hawaii, **Megan Webber** attended the One Retinoblastoma World Conference, where parents, survivors, and experts united to improve early detection, treatment, and support for retinoblastoma. Megan participated in the "**Know the Glow Around the Globe**" panel with **Dr. Andrew Blaikie and Karsten Paust of the Arclight Project**, highlighting efforts to distribute Arclight Scopes in sub-Saharan Africa, a crucial tool for early detection in resource-limited areas. KTG's **Cindy Mays and Grace Mbugua** also shared personal stories, shedding light on the diverse challenges families face in different healthcare systems.

The event showcased innovations like **Dr. Jesse Berry's** aqueous humor diagnostic test and new prosthetic designs by ocularists **Stephen and Sarah Haddad** to build children's confidence post-enucleation. Collaborations were announced by the **International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and St. Jude's Global team** to integrate KTG's messaging into global outreach, emphasizing early signs of eye disease.

As the conference concluded, attendees left empowered by the **World Health Organization's** inclusion of retinoblastoma in its 2030 cancer focus. Thanks to

Marissa Gonzales and We C Hope, the event reaffirmed the community's dedication to transforming early detection and care while preventing childhood blindness.





KnowTheGlow is thrilled to announce our participation in the **5th World Congress of Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus (WSPOS)** in Kuala Lumpur this July!

Representing us at this prestigious event is the esteemed **Sandra Staffieri**, a dedicated clinical orthoptist and Retinoblastoma (RB) coordinator from the **Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, Australia**.

Sandra shared her excitement about the opportunity: "It was an honour and a privilege to present at WSPOS 2024 on behalf of KnowTheGlow. To be able to share the impact KTG has had on the global community in raising awareness of The Glow was an extraordinary opportunity. I have watched KTG grow from a national to international organization. The development of collateral in multiple languages and partnering with key stakeholders and champions across the globe to promote awareness is their strength."

We are immensely proud to have Sandra representing KnowTheGlow and showcasing

Invited to speak on the **IAPB's 2030 Vision In Sight** opening day panel on **"Act Today - Transform Tomorrow"** **Megan Webber** shared about the importance of collaborative advocacy and was delighted to connect with IAPB member attendees worldwide. With the IAPB's World Sight Day theme for 2024 announced as **"Focus on Children's Vision"** KTG was excited to shine a light on Blindness Prevention for the 0-5 age group and help remind blindness prevention organization attendees to please remember this group in their ongoing initiatives. Attending with Megan was **Caitlin Villante**, our Partnership Liaison and together they met with multiple IAPB members interested in pediatric avoidable blindness. The event was a huge success and there is much planned ahead working alongside the IAPB and its members in anticipation of World Sight Day.

The conference ultimately led to the collaboration between KTG and the IAPB for World Sight Day featuring their mascot, Artie, with a Glow!





KTG was proud to participate this year both at the **Notre Dame Summit and the Global Genes Conference** in Kansas City. Attending the Global Genes Conference in Kansas City introduced KTG to multiple new wonderful partners and further cemented other long relationships with rare disease advocates nationwide. Speaking on the panel at the **ND Rare Disease Patient Advocacy Summit**, **Megan Webber** shared about the work KTG has done with ND over the last several years in training the next generation of Patient Advocates and sat beside ND student and KTG fellow, **Joan Playford**, as she spoke about the impact working with KTG has had on her.

Student Chapters and Internships

KnowTheGlow continues to expand its global impact through vibrant Student Chapters and dedicated summer interns. Our Student Chapters at the **University of Notre Dame**, **Manila Central University (MCU) School of Optometry**, **St. Andrew College of Nursing (SACON)** in Pune, India, and **Bharati Vidyapeeth School of Nursing (BVCON)** in Pune, India, have made remarkable strides this year. Additionally, we welcomed **12 summer interns** from the **University of Notre Dame (ND)**, **Santa Clara University (SCU)**, and the **University of Kansas (KU)**, who significantly advanced our campaigns and research efforts.

University of Notre Dame

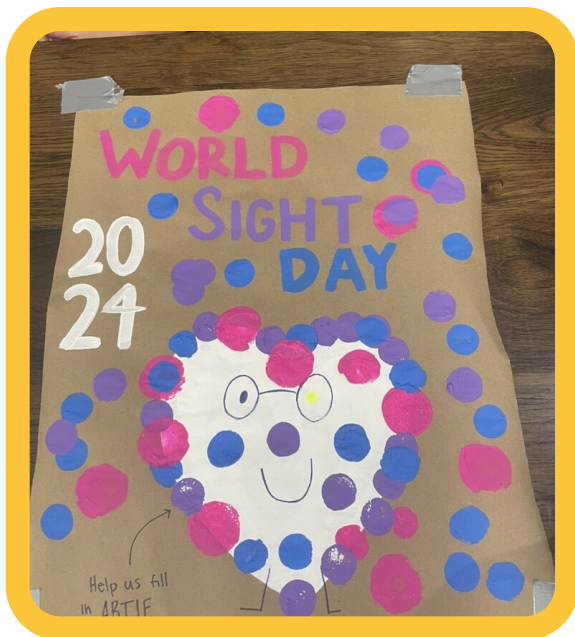


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Notre Dame's **Rare Disease Club** has taken a leading role in raising awareness about childhood blindness and retinoblastoma, actively participating in campus initiatives with a strong focus on **World Sight Day**. Their passion for advocacy has inspired students across campus to engage with KTG's mission, creating an energized and collaborative community. The club's dedication to highlighting rare diseases continues to align seamlessly with our vision for preventing childhood blindness through early detection.

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Manila Central University (MCU)

The MCU Chapter, now thriving with nearly 100 members, has led several impactful programs this year. They organized a

Photo Contest with the theme **"Preventing Childhood Blindness Starts with Early Detection,"** which generated significant engagement across social media platforms. Their community outreach initiative, **"MCU OPTO CARES: Magpatingin Para Ok ang**

Panangin," provided pediatric eye care, free prescription glasses, and educational resources through a collaborative effort with alumni, faculty, and student organizations. The chapter is also planning a **Student Leaders' Summit in 2025**, designed to bring together student leaders from around the world to share experiences, celebrate achievements, and strengthen their advocacy for preventable childhood blindness. Additionally, MCU Chapter President, **Ms. Joan Lituan**, will highlight KTG's mission as part of her campaign for Ms. MCU 2024.





St. Andrew College of Nursing (SACON) has taken a leading role in advancing KTG's mission through several innovative initiatives. In collaboration with **All India Radio (AIR)**,

Faculty Advisor Mr. Larry Wagh and **Chairman Mr. Someshwar Swami** led a program to raise awareness about preventable childhood blindness and retinoblastoma, reaching a wide audience. SACON has also proposed a World Sight Day Webinar/Symposium, fostering collaboration between students and faculty from SACON and Manila Central University (MCU) to strengthen cross-campus engagement. Additionally, they

have begun building a "Glow-Army" and envision creating a KTG International Students Association, aiming to establish a unified global



Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Nursing (BVCON)

Our newest chapter at BVCON has already begun crafting plans to increase awareness about childhood blindness within their campus and the broader community, adding another crucial voice to our advocacy efforts.

Summer Intern Contributions



Our 12 summer interns from **University of Notre Dame**, **Santa Clara University**, and the **University of Kansas**



were vital to our success this year. They assisted with campaign development and conducted essential research to enhance our engagement with stakeholders worldwide. Their

contributions ensured our preparedness for impactful discussions and helped expand our international outreach.

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