

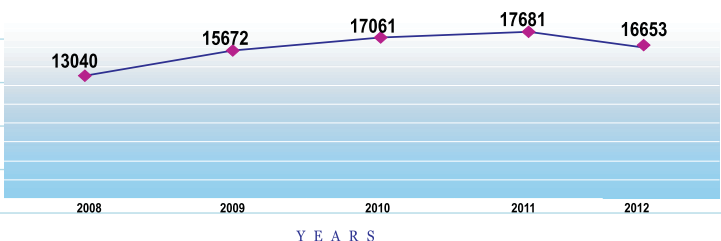


## SANKARA NETHRALAYA'S COMMUNITY SERVICES



Sankara Nethralaya has been vehemently pursuing community services since its inception in 1978. About 50 % of the out-patient are non paying patients and 35 % of the surgeries are done free of cost to the underprivileged. Over the years it has been able to expand its community services beyond the shores of Chennai benefiting lakhs of people. The community service initiatives include conducting eye-camps in rural areas, education and awareness programmes on ophthalmic care, screening patients for Diabetic Retinopathy and Glaucoma, conducting free surgeries to those with an income of less than Rs. 3,500 per month, and successfully and relentlessly taking mobile teleophthalmology benefits to the door steps of the poor in rural India. All of this has been possible due to the tremendous support that Sankara Nethralaya has received from organizations and individuals over the years. Today, Sankara Nethralaya provides teleophthalmology services in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, thereby reducing the need for travel for many and at the same time providing access to a super-specialist through teleconnectivity via satellite.

### Growing Number of "FREE Surgeries"



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The Ophthalmic Mission Trust has contributed significantly towards Sankara Nethralaya's indigent care and community eye care services through funds mobilized from the Indian Diaspora in the United States; we take pleasure in sharing the details of the same below.

DETAILS OF SURGERIES PERFORMED WITH FUNDS MOBILIZED BY SN OM TRUST		
YEAR	MAJOR	MINOR
2008	992	3028
2009	1012	3458
2010	880	2720
2011	995	2601
2012	915	2660
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4794</b>	<b>14467</b>