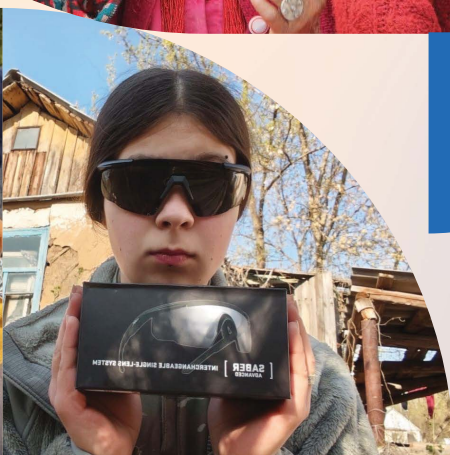


BBH EYE FOUNDATION

2025-26 Impact Report





7 YEARS

SERVING AT-RISK REGIONS, SINCE 2019



250,000+

SIGHT-RESTORING CATARACT SURGERIES SUPPORTED



BUILT TO LAST

29 PRIMARY EYE CARE CENTERS ESTABLISHED IN NEPAL



5 COUNTRIES

MYANMAR, NEPAL, BANGLADESH, UKRAINE, HAITI



EFFICIENT

100% VOLUNTEER FOUNDERS AND BOARD

95%+ FUNDS GO DIRECTLY TO OUR CAUSES





A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDERS

DEAR FRIENDS:

Nearly seven years ago, the three of us sat on the roof of an unfinished eye hospital in Myanmar and watched the sun set over Taunggyi. Mettashin ("loving kindness") Charity Eye Hospital, founded by a Buddhist humanitarian group, was already providing free eye care, but with the building only half finished, too few trained staff, limited equipment and a staggering surgical backlog, it had far more potential than it had yet been able to realize.

We made what we thought would be a short-term commitment: we contributed personal resources, raised funds from friends, and helped complete the hospital. **That commitment grew into BBH Eye Foundation.**

Today, BBH supports eye care programs at four eye hospitals in Myanmar and partners with eyecare organizations in Nepal, Bangladesh, Ukraine, and Haiti. The approach hasn't changed since that rooftop in Taunggyi: we partner with local teams, identify critical unmet needs, and step in with flexible support. This year alone, that meant hand-carrying anti-ballistic eyewear into Ukraine, helping launch a new ophthalmic assistant training program in Myanmar, and opening our 29th Primary Eye Care Center in Nepal.

Our founders and board are still 100% volunteers, and our donors continue to make this work possible with confidence in our approach and overhead, which remains around 5%. We are deeply grateful for that trust.

We continue to engage in places where flexibility matters most: Buddhist monastery eye hospitals in war-torn Myanmar, a clinic in rural Haiti, remote villages in Bangladesh and Nepal, and the front lines of Ukraine.

We hope this Impact Report gives you a clearer sense of why this work matters and how even small interventions can change lives. In communities where access to glasses costs as little as \$2 and cataract surgery only \$50, our partners and donors enable the miracle of restored vision to reach thousands. **Together, we are working to end needless blindness, bringing light, hope, and possibility.**

Gary Barth, Jack Blanks, and Gary Hahn
Co-Founders, BBH Eye Foundation

WHO WE ARE

BBH Eye Foundation exists to fill the critical gaps. We're not trying to be the biggest eye care organization in the world. We're trying to be the most useful one in hard to reach places where demand is great and services few.

For seven years, that's meant **going wherever the need is most urgent and the path to helping is clearest**: equipping primary eye care centers in roadless corners of western Nepal, training the next generation of ophthalmologists in Bangladesh, retrofitting monastery eye hospitals in Myanmar, getting protective eyewear to medics under fire in Ukraine, and helping fund a permanent eye clinic in rural Haiti. Five service areas, two of them, Ukraine and Haiti, added just this past year, because the need showed up and we were agile enough to move on it.

We work through long-term local partners who know their communities best; we don't parachute in. And because we stay lean, almost every dollar we raise reaches the field instead of an office.

That approach extends beyond equipment and funding. It means investing in the people who will carry this work forward long after BBH has moved on.





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*In Myanmar, which has one of the highest rates of cataract blindness in the world, we have built visiting surgeon quarters at two Buddhist charity hospitals where surgeons from across the country can come to observe our lead surgeon, Dr. Bidya Pant, and study his operating room setup and staff coordination to develop their own practice. **Dr. Pant performs up to 140 cataract surgeries a day** and has always been generous in opening his operating room to others. Without that facility, far fewer surgeons would make the trip and far fewer patients would benefit from what they learn.*

— GARY BARTH, M.D

Co-Founder and President, BBH Eye Foundation

THIS FISCAL YEAR: JULY 2025–JUNE 2026 HIGHLIGHTS + FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY



MYANMAR — A SURGICAL FIRST

Through direct negotiation with the corporate social responsibility arm of a Swiss ophthalmic equipment manufacturer, BBH secured \$100,000+ in advanced surgical equipment for \$67,000 and oversaw its installation at Ketumati Ayudana Monastery Eye Hospital. The hospital is now the only facility in Myanmar equipped to perform advanced, minimally invasive procedures for retinal detachment, diabetic retinopathy complications, macular holes, and epiretinal membranes, treatments previously unavailable to patients in the country.

Dr. Om Pant, a Nepali retinal surgeon whose fellowship BBH fully funded in 2024, is spending a year on-site launching these services and training local ophthalmologists.

By the end of 2026, BBH's four Myanmar partner eye hospitals will have the capacity to provide 20,000 free cataract and other vision restoring surgeries annually.



NEPAL — 29 EYE CENTERS AND COUNTING

This year our partner, the Charity Health Foundation of Nepal (CHFN), opened four more Primary Eye Care Centers, bringing the total BBH-funded centers to 29. These centers bring full eye exams, glasses, and treatment within reach of remote communities that had none. At an average start-up cost of \$6,000 each, BBH funds the equipment, the initial stock of frames, and pharmacy supplies. Patients needing sight-restoring surgery are identified and referred. Between the three CHFN eye hospitals and remote surgical eye camps, about 12,000 free surgeries are performed through this partnership every year.



UKRAINE — PROTECTING THE PEOPLE PROTECTING OTHERS

BBH launched a new program this year to provide NATO-grade ballistic eyewear to first responders, medics, and ordnance disposal personnel working under near-constant drone and missile fire. To date, 1,160 pairs of protective glasses and goggles have been delivered directly to the front lines. Gary Barth traveled to Ukraine twice this year to support the assessment process and personally place hundreds of pairs into the hands of those serving there.



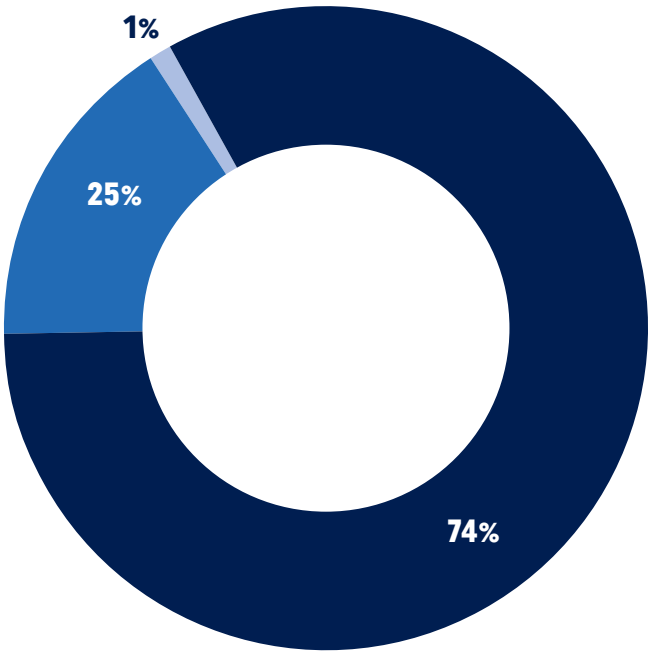
HAITI — BUILDING SOMETHING PERMANENT

Since 2015, the Global Eye Project has operated the only comprehensive, full-time eye care program serving more than 500,000 people in rural southern Haiti. Led by a trained Haitian clinical team, the clinic has delivered more than 140,000 free eye exams and provides up to 15,000 patient visits annually from borrowed space inside a rural mission hospital. That space will no longer be available after 2027, putting this vital program at risk without a permanent home.

This year, BBH joined the effort to help secure its future. GEP has acquired land and partnered with Architects Without Borders to design a permanent eye care center. Nearly \$250,000 has been raised toward the \$700,000 goal, including BBH's \$37,000 contribution and a tentative \$30,000 matching grant for Fiscal Year 2026–27.

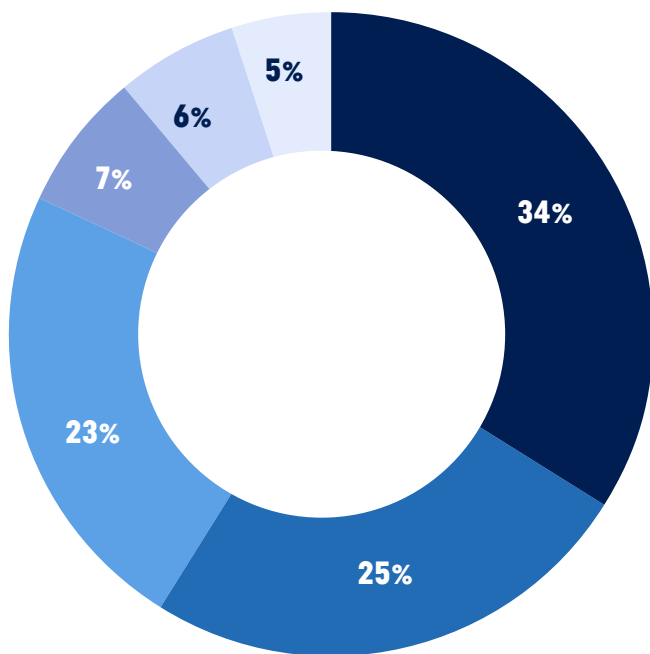
FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

MAJOR DONORS CONTRIBUTE THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF BBH INCOME



- MAJOR DONATIONS:** \$301,000
- DONATIONS <\$5,000:** \$101,800
- INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS:** \$5,160

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE ONLY 5% OF BBH EXPENSES



MYANMAR | \$98,901

HAITI | \$22,000

UKRAINE | \$75,241

BANGLADESH | \$17,300

NEPAL | \$67,116

**ADMINISTRATIVE
EXPENSES** | \$15,451



Each surgery takes a little more than 4 minutes typically, and costs less than \$50...It is just so efficient, so inexpensive, and so life-changing.

—GARY HAHN

Co-Founder, BBH Eye Foundation

WHERE WE WORK

UKRAINE

PARTNER: EYE CARE FOR UKRAINE.

1,160 pairs of NATO-grade ballistic eyewear delivered directly to medics, first responders, and ordnance disposal teams working under drone and missile fire. BBH's Co-Founder and President made two personal delivery trips this year.

MYANMAR

PARTNER: FOUR BUDDHIST MONASTERY-BASED CHARITY EYE HOSPITALS, SINCE 2020.

Where BBH began. The two original partner hospitals now perform 11,000+ cataract surgeries a year between them; two more joined in 2024. By the end of this year, the four hospitals' combined surgical capacity will reach 20,000 free cataract surgeries annually, in a country with the highest rate of cataract blindness in Asia.

NEPAL

PARTNER: CHARITY HEALTH FOUNDATION OF NEPAL (CHFN), SINCE 2021.

29 primary eye care centers now open across the remote far-western province, four of them added this year alone.

Roughly 12,000 free surgeries delivered annually through CHFN's three regional hospitals and its mobile surgical eye camps. Two BBH-funded 4x4 trucks and mobile surgical kits enables surgical teams reach remote communities.

BANGLADESH

PARTNER: DEEP EYE CARE FOUNDATION (DECF), SINCE 2021.

Five years, five completely different kinds of support: a new Vision Center with tele-ophthalmology (2022), two outreach buses with partner DAK Foundation (2023), a 500-surgery cataract campaign (2024), a 40-user electronic medical records system (2025), and now equipment for the only ophthalmology residency program in northern Bangladesh (2026).



HAITI

PARTNER: GLOBAL EYE PROJECT.

Up to 15,000 patients a year and 140,000 free eye exams since 2015, all from borrowed hospital space that disappears after 2027. BBH has joined GEP's effort to build a permanent clinic for the 500,000 people in this underserved region, contributing \$37,000 toward the \$700,000 goal so far.

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We continue to work in places where flexibility matters most: monastery hospitals in Myanmar, rural Haiti, remote villages in Bangladesh and Nepal, and the front lines of Ukraine.

**—GARY BARTH, JACK BLANKS,
AND GARY HAHN**

Co-Founders BBH Eye Foundation

SUCCESS STORIES

These are not exceptional moments. They are what the work looks like on the ground, year after year, in places most organizations never reach.

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN — MYANMAR

In a country with the highest rate of blindness per capita in all of Asia, BBH Eye Foundation was conceived on a rooftop in Taunggyi in 2019, inspired by two monastery-run hospitals doing extraordinary work with too little to work with.

Over the following eighteen months, BBH helped to complete construction at both hospitals, procured surgical and diagnostic equipment, built out optical departments so patients could leave with glasses in hand, and funded staff training including ophthalmic residency training abroad for young Burmese physicians. The goal was never to run these hospitals, but to make them capable of running themselves.



WORD SPREADS — MYANMAR

BBH didn't go looking for more hospitals. The hospitals came to BBH.

After six years watching them grow, watching surgical volume climb, watching local staff develop into skilled practitioners, other monasteries began reaching out. Could BBH do the same here?

It could. Two more Buddhist monastery-based eye hospitals have since joined the network. Joint training programs bring staff from all four together. By the end of 2026, their combined projected surgical capacity is 20,000 free cataract surgeries a year.



REACHING THE UNREACHED – NEPAL

The problem with rural blindness isn't just that people can't afford surgery. It's that surgery is a day's journey away, and a day's journey costs money.

BBH and its partner, the Charity Health Foundation of Nepal, built a network of small community clinics staffed by trained ophthalmic assistants, handling roughly 75% of all eye care needs on site. BBH funds the equipment and initial stock of supplies. Local municipalities provide the space and salaries. Most centers become self-sufficient within two years. Between 2021 and 2026, 29 were equipped, staffed, and opened. Patients in need of sight-saving operations receive free surgery at BBH-supported eye camps and surgical centers. Cataract surgery costs less than \$50 per patient.

"Primary Eye Care Centers play an important role in eye care for local people and organizing eye camps, where people can get free eye surgery at their own village. We call this 'reaching to unreached.' This is only possible because of BBH."

—BIDYA PANT, M.D., CO-FOUNDER, CHARITY HEALTH FOUNDATION OF NEPAL



A GRANDMOTHER'S CALL – NEPAL

In April 2024, a grandmother in St. Louis called BBH's Sacramento office. Her grandson had started a small charity in Sanni Tribeni, a village so remote its residents had no access to eye care at all. Dozens of people were blind or severely visually impaired from cataract, with nowhere to go. The grandmother's question was simple: could BBH help?

It could. A surgical eye camp was already scheduled three weeks out at a nearby CHFN clinic and Sanni Tribeni was close enough to include. A second campaign followed in March 2025, and by December 2025 the village had its own Primary Eye Care Center. In May 2026, it hosted its first remote surgical eye camp right in the village itself. In just over two years, a community with no path to eye care now has its own clinic, a trained ophthalmic assistant, and access to cataract surgery without anyone having to leave home.

"Before the establishment of Sanni Triveni Eye Care Center, people in our community had no access to eye care services and had to travel long distances for treatment... By restoring vision and preventing avoidable blindness, the center has made a meaningful difference in the lives of many individuals and families across the municipality."

—NIKITA CHAUDHARY, OPHTHALMIC ASSISTANT, SANNI TRIVENI EYE CARE CENTER

SUCCESS STORIES

NEVER THE SAME ASK TWICE – BANGLADESH

BBH has been working with DEEP Eye Care Foundation in northern Bangladesh since 2021. In five years, no two years have looked the same.

In 2022, BBH funded a second Vision Center with tele-ophthalmology that helped DECF win a major grant to open eight more. In 2023, BBH funded a new outreach bus and recruited a partner to fund a second, nearly doubling transport capacity. In 2024, a \$20,000 grant funded 500 additional free surgeries. In 2025, a cloud-based medical records system helped DECF establish a new research institute and begin qualifying for academic grants.

Every year, a different need. Every year, BBH showed up for it.



TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION – BANGLADESH

In 2025, DEEP Eye Care Foundation received authorization from Bangladesh's Ministry of Health to establish the only ophthalmology residency program in the northern part of the country. The classroom and clinical space were already built. What was missing was the operating room equipment that would allow residents to actually train.

BBH is providing \$37,000 in specialized equipment in 2026, serving patients today while training the surgeons who will serve them tomorrow.



HOW YOU CAN DO MORE

That desire, to do something real, something you can see, is exactly what BBH was built for.



GIVE

Every gift, at any level, goes directly to the field.

DONATE: [HTTPS://WWW.BBHEYE.ORG/DONATE](https://www.bbheye.org/donate)



WHAT'S NEXT

Haiti's permanent clinic needs \$450,000 more to reach its goal. Myanmar's new ophthalmic assistant training program is just getting started. Ukraine's protective eyewear program is in its first year, with more to do. Nepal hopes to add three more rural clinics. If you'd like to support a specific program or region, we're happy to talk.

"I have a strong desire to do some good in the world and to be of service. BBH provides me with a great opportunity to do that."

—GARY HAHN, CO-FOUNDER, BBH EYE FOUNDATION

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