



Celebrating the Mothers of Project Prakash

Dear Project Prakash Family,

Every Mother's Day, we are reminded of the under-appreciated – but hugely important roles – mothers have played in Project Prakash.

They are among our strongest supporters. They are the believers who travel difficult roads for the sake of their children. They are the ones who wait outside the operation room at the Shroff Charity Eye Hospital. They are also the ones their children often first see when the bandages are removed for the first time. We see the hopes and dreams that mothers who come to Project Prakash have for their small children and remember our own.

Take the example of one mother whose daughter, Sarika, was born blind. She entreated her husband to ensure care for her child. That didn't work, neither did pleas to the village elders. But, like so many mothers, she knew better. After meeting the Prakash team at a rural eye-screening session, she defied the wishes of her husband and community to get surgery for her daughter.

Today, Sarika can see. Her mother is testimony that mothers understand their children like no other. This is just one story of a mother challenging conventions. There are many more like her whom we have had the privilege to serve through Project Prakash.

Let's make their lives easier. A single donation to Project Prakash can alter the life of a child – and mother. Girls with blindness are acutely and especially vulnerable in India. There are many ways of celebrating mother's on Mother's Day. Would you consider making a tax deductible donation of \$25 to Project Prakash today? Your [donation](#) makes a difference. We keep our organization lean and mean to ensure that the money goes to the people who need it to the most – children with blindness in India.

Also, consider starting an endowment in your mother's name. Your gift will live on in the lives of the children for years to come. Contact founder Pawan Sinha (psinha@mit.edu) or Executive Director Sheila B. Lalwani (Sheila.lalwani@projectprakash.org) to learn more. Together, we have done so much, but we still have more work to do.