

### Sightsavers see the Rotarians Ophthalmoscope Initiative (ROI) making a difference

**Stevenage Grange Rotary Club is delighted to announce, that following successful trialling of the Optyse™, Sightsavers International has now agreed to become an official ROI partner.**

Sightsavers will now help promote the Initiative at RIBI & Inner Wheel Conferences. In addition Russell Richards and his team of volunteer speakers will provide a mail shot to all Clubs, and link with colleague Phillip Hoare to facilitate global distribution.



*Phil Hoare, Sightsavers International's Procurement Manager comments. "Sightsavers looks forward to receiving the generous donation of Optyse™ lens free ophthalmoscopes through Stevenage Grange Rotary Club's initiative. One of the biggest challenges facing international charities is the procurement of equipment that is both cost effective and appropriate for less developed countries. We have tested 80 of the units in 5 countries and the results were very positive.*

*The ophthalmoscopes will be distributed to Eye Care Workers, Ophthalmic Nurses and Ophthalmic Medical Assistants in less developed countries, with the assistance of other VISION 2020 Eye Care Charities. We are confident that the donation programme will make a difference to saving sight in the world's poorest communities."*

In recognition of Sightsavers commitment to the Initiative, the Club has released an updated [information leaflet](#) . This can be downloaded now from the Club's website [www.sgrc.org.uk](http://www.sgrc.org.uk) It will also be available for distribution in hard copy as the District conference season gets into full swing, starting with District 1250 in September. Print ready copies are also available – just email [stephen@sgrc.org.uk](mailto:stephen@sgrc.org.uk)