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Te veo! (I can see you!)

Natividad Pamies-Diez | 100 x 81 cm, oil on canvas

This painting transmits positivity, hope, and happiness. A young boy from a low-income country is looking at you simulating the use of glasses. The candid image of the child, his positive communication with the observer, and the poor environment make a contrast in the painting. Refractive blindness is the first cause of visual disability worldwide. This painting represents the real social value of refractive surgery in low-income countries in the rehabilitation of patients who do not have the possibility of having glasses.

Natividad Pamies-Diez is an autodidactic painter from Crevillente, Alicante, Spain. She followed a cyclical career, with exhibitions, artistic silence, and again regaining inspiration using her talent and motivation. This painting represents her attraction to the problems of low-income countries and humanitarian care.

Winner of the Miradas International Award 2020.

Description by Jorge L. Alió

The "Miradas" competition was created by Jorge Alió, Journal of Refractive Surgery Editorial Board Member, and his wife, Maria Lopez, in 1998 with the intention of using artistic sensibility to bring society's attention to the phenomenon of sight, vision, and blindness. "Miradas," which means glances, is a contest in which artwork is sent from Spain and many international countries from the four continents for the Miradas International Artwork Competition every two years. Each cover of the Journal of Refractive Surgery features paintings that were submitted to this competition. "Miradas" is sponsored by **OPHTEC BV, The Netherlands**. For more information, contact www.fundacionalio.com

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