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DAVID MONTROSS NAMED 2007 MAN OF VISION

CHICAGO – David Montross, CEO of Equis Corporation, has been named the 2007 Man of Vision by Midwest Eye-Banks, Chicago. Montross, who is also a double cornea transplant recipient, will be honored at the annual Gift of Sight Gala on Friday, March 23. This popular black-tie event will be held at The Ritz Carlton Hotel and will include an elegant dinner, dancing to the music of Stanley Paul and his orchestra and a silent auction. The Gala benefits the Eye-Bank’s Eye and Vision Research Program and donor awareness public education programs.

For decades, Montross has dedicated his leadership to important causes benefiting Chicago citizens. With 25 years in commercial real estate, David helped to create a corporate citizenship program that enables Equis to make charitable contributions to such Chicago institutions as the Illinois Eye-Bank, Adler Planetarium, Howard Brown Health Center, Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago Architecture Foundation, Fairygodmother Foundation, and Greater Chicago Food Depository. Montross has also been involved in the Annual Fund for the Ravina Festival.

The theme of the Eye-Bank’s event – vision – has a deeper personal meaning for Montross. Under the care of the Illinois Eye-Bank’s Medical Director, Dr. Joel Sugar, David received double cornea transplants in 1988 and 1989. “We feel that David is a tremendously worthy recipient of this award,” adds Charles Pivoney, the Eye-Bank’s Vice President, Illinois Operations. “We are proud to have played a role in the transplants that have assisted him in serving the community for so many years.”

Former recipients of the Man and Woman of Vision award include Marilyn Miglin of Miglin Cosmetics, Bill Zwecker of the [Chicago Sun-Times](#) and CBS 2 Chicago, Michael Christ of Tiffany & Co., Donna LaPietra of Kurtis Productions, Ltd., Richard Driehaus of Driehaus Capital Management, Chicago restaurateurs Steve and Peggy Lombardo, Joe Ahern of CBS 2 Chicago, as well as Myra and John Reilly. All were honored for their dedication to causes that help others and their belief in Midwest Eye-Banks’ mission.

The Illinois Eye-Bank, a division of Midwest Eye-Banks, is a 501(c)(3), independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the restoration of sight. It recovers, evaluates and distributes human eye tissue for transplantation. It also supports research into the causes and cures of blinding eye conditions, promotes donation awareness through public and professional education, and provides humanitarian aid to people in need of corneal transplantation throughout the world. For more information, visit the Illinois Eye-Bank online at www.illinoiseyebank.org or call (800) 548-4703.

To reserve seats at this year’s Gift of Sight Gala, call 312/706-9650 by March 1. Tickets are \$350.