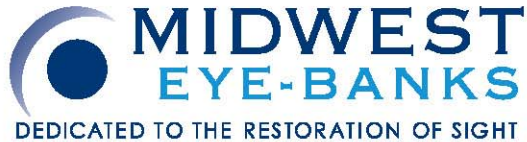


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Midwest Eye-Banks joins Vision Share

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – Midwest Eye-Banks announces that it has joined Vision Share, a not-for-profit consortium of eye banks aimed at providing mutually beneficial support services to its members.

“We expect this will create avenues where we can use our strengths and draw upon the abilities of other organizations,” says Midwest Eye-Banks President and CEO Kevin Ross. The affiliation was effective January 1.

Ross looks at Midwest Eye-Banks’ new affiliation as a continuation of its tradition of community participation, not a change in identity. “We see this as a great opportunity to partner with other leading organizations,” he says, “while maintaining and strengthening our existing relationships.”

As a part of the consortium, Midwest Eye-Banks looks forward to sharing services and expertise with Vision Share members throughout the United States. “Vision Share’s Distribution Center will help us utilize donated eye tissue more efficiently,” explains Ross. “We are committed to doing the most good with the gift that’s been entrusted to us.”

For more information about Vision Share, visit www.visionshare.org.

Midwest Eye-Banks is a charitable 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, call (800) 247-7250 or visit www.midwesteyebanks.org.

