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MEDIA ADVISORY

Illinois Eye-Bank celebrates National Eye Donor Month with Open House

CHICAGO – National Eye Donor Month has been recognized in the United States every March since 1983, in an effort to raise public awareness about the need for eye donation. This year, the Illinois Eye-Bank is marking the occasion with a two-day open house at its Chicago location.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for people to learn about the Illinois Eye-Bank’s mission of sight restoration,” says Diane Hollingsworth, Executive Director. “We’ll have guided tours of our laboratory, and the local donor quilt will be on display. Eye-Bank supporters, including donor families and recipients, will also be on hand.”

WHAT: Illinois Eye-Bank Open House

WHO: Hosted by the Illinois Eye-Bank, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the restoration of sight, with cornea donors, recipients and Lions Clubs in attendance

WHEN: Friday, March 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please RSVP by calling (800) 548-4703 in advance for entry into the building.

WHERE: The Illinois Eye-Bank
547 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 600
Chicago, Illinois

WHY: To raise awareness of eye, organ and tissue donation, particularly the donation of corneal tissue for research and transplantation.

The Illinois Eye-Bank 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, visit the Illinois Eye-Bank online at www.illinoiseyebank.org or call (800) 548-4703.

