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Midwest Eye-Banks forms new partnership with Cleveland Eye Bank

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – Midwest Eye-Banks is pleased to join with the Cleveland Eye Bank in a new affiliation, effective May 1, 2012.

The Cleveland Eye Bank will operate as a subsidiary of Midwest Eye-Banks, retaining its organizational identity, staff, Board of Directors and mission to restore sight in northeast Ohio. Midwest Eye-Banks brings common procedures and services, and will be a resource for community-based cornea donation and transplantation.

"Cornea donation is a gift we give to each other," says Kevin Ross, Midwest Eye-Banks President and CEO. "With the Cleveland Eye Bank, we will continue our long history of service, with each organization maintaining the public trust for more than 50 years. Together, we're ready to meet future challenges, providing safe and effective access to the Gift of Sight."

The Cleveland Eye Bank is a not-for-profit organization and an accredited member of the Eye Bank Association of America, partnering with Lifebank to encourage organ, tissue and eye donation in northeast Ohio, and with Donate Life Ohio statewide.

Midwest Eye-Banks is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving and restoring sight. With affiliated eye banks in Michigan, Illinois, New Jersey, and now Ohio, it recovers, evaluates and distributes human eye tissue for transplantation. It also supports research into the causes of and cures for 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 Midwest Eye-Banks online at www.midwesteyebanks.org or call 800-247-7250.

