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Mid-Michigan Celebrates *A Night for Sight* with Michigan Eye-Bank

BAY CITY – Cornea transplant recipients, eye, organ and tissue donor families, surgeons, volunteers and community leaders will join the Michigan Eye-Bank for a special program and reception at the Delta College Planetarium on Thursday, May 17.

“*Night for Sight* is an opportunity for us to celebrate the gift of sight with people in the communities we serve,” explains Florence Johnston, President and Chief Executive Officer of Midwest Eye-Banks. “It also gives them a chance to meet us and learn what an eye bank does. They may know that corneal transplantation can restore lost sight, but they probably don’t know there is an eye bank working behind the scenes to make that restoration of sight a reality for someone. We feel that holding our event at the planetarium is a special way to honor those who give and receive the gift of sight – without which we couldn’t fully enjoy the wonders of our universe.”

Bay City Mayor Michael J. Buda will be on hand to deliver an official proclamation on behalf of the city. Guests will also be treated to a special presentation by local corneal surgeon Miriam Schteingart, M.D., who has worked closely with the Eye-Bank for many years.

“Mid-Michigan is home to many of the Eye-Bank’s most loyal supporters,” Johnston explains. The Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation, for example, has been a major benefactor of the Michigan Eye-Bank’s Eye and Vision Research Program since the 1980s.

Future *Night for Sight* events are being planned in other areas of the state. Call (800) 247-7250 or visit www.michiganeyebank.org for updates.

The Michigan Eye-Bank 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 Michigan Eye-Bank online at www.michiganeyebank.org or call (800) 247-7250.