



FOR RELEASE:
August 11, 2011

CONTACT:
Dan Reynolds
Director of Communications
(734) 780-2609
Fax: (734) 780-2142
dan@michiganeyebank.org

Grand View Hospital Pathologist to receive Michigan Eye-Bank Shared Vision Award

IRONWOOD – The Michigan Eye-Bank is pleased to announce that Charles Iknayan, M.D., the Pathologist at Aspirus Grand View Hospital, will receive a Shared Vision Award at the Eye-Bank's Summer Celebration at Dow Diamond in Midland on August 20.

The Shared Vision Award recognizes individuals and organizations that have shown extraordinary support for the Eye-Bank's mission of sight restoration.

Robb Chabie, the Eye-Bank's Upper Peninsula Regional Coordinator, has worked with Dr. Iknayan for nearly 20 years.

"He regularly goes above and beyond the call of duty," explains Chabie. "He understands that time is of the essence when we recover tissue, so he'll come in during his off-time to ensure that the necessary work on his end is completed."

Chabie adds that, given Dr. Iknayan's level of involvement, it seems fitting that he receive his Award during the Eye-Bank's Summer Celebration, an event created to honor those who have played a role in the Eye-Bank's success during the past year. The Celebration begins with dinner at 4:30 p.m., followed by a Great Lakes Loons game at 7:05 p.m. that will celebrate eye, organ and tissue donation awareness.

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

