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Ionia, Montcalm Medical Examiner to receive Michigan Eye-Bank Shared Vision Award

ANN ARBOR – The Michigan Eye-Bank is pleased to announce that James Banner, M.D., Medical Examiner for Ionia and Montcalm counties, 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.

Dale Wiersma, the Eye-Bank's Western Michigan Regional Coordinator, works with Dr. Banner regularly.

"He often works his schedule and procedures around the donation process," Wiersma says of Dr. Banner's commitment to supporting eye, organ and tissue donation.

Additionally, Dr. Banner works with Medical Examiners in several other counties in northern and mid-Michigan to ensure they are on board with cornea donation, too.

Wiersma adds that, given Dr. Banner'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.

