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### **Beaumont nurse to receive Michigan Eye-Bank Shared Vision Award**

ROYAL OAK – The Michigan Eye-Bank is pleased to announce that Kathleen Swartz, RN, BSN, the Organ Donation Program Coordinator at Beaumont Hospital-Royal Oak, 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.

Swartz played an active role in Donor Drive 2010, an initiative aimed at increasing the number of registered eye, organ and tissue donors in the state of Michigan, by organizing multiple Michigan Organ Donor Registry drives at the hospital. She has also taken a creative approach to engaging the public about donation.

“Kathy used a life-sized game of ‘Operation’ to illustrate how many lives one person can save or enhance by signing up as a donor,” explains Carrie Wolverton, the Eye-Bank’s Manager of Professional Education. “She’s always looking for opportunities to raise awareness about the gifts of sight and life. Thanks in large part to her efforts, Royal Oak Beaumont ranks fourth in the state in terms of donor registrations at hospitals.”

Wolverton adds that, given Swartz’s level of involvement, it seems fitting that she receive her 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](http://www.michiganeyebank.org) or call (800) 247-7250.

