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White Cloud man receives Michigan Eye-Bank Shared Vision Award

ANN ARBOR – The Michigan Eye-Bank is pleased to announce that White Cloud resident Lynnwood Mast received a Shared Vision Award at the Eye-Bank’s Summer Celebration, held August 20 at Dow Diamond in Midland.

The Shared Vision Award recognizes individuals and organizations that have shown extraordinary support for Eye-Bank initiatives, such as *I Joined!*, a grassroots campaign designed to get the word out about the importance of signing up on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

Mast, a member of the Fremont Lions Club, has been actively involved with the Eye-Bank since the 1980s, when he helped coordinate the Eye-Bank substations in his area, ensuring that donated eye tissue made it back to the Eye-Bank in time for transplantation. While advancements in tissue preservation have since eliminated the need for substations, Mast has remained a committed volunteer, most recently working on the *I Joined!* campaign.

“To date, Lynn’s efforts have helped convince more than 700 people to add their names to the Donor Registry,” says Alison Wright, the Eye-Bank’s Community Engagement Manager. “As a volunteer, he has put in hundreds of hours and driven thousands of miles to ensure the Eye-Bank is represented in northwest Michigan.”

Wright adds that, given Mast’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 over the past year.

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.

