



# MARCH IS EYE DONOR MONTH

Madison and Malia are happy, outgoing 11-year-old twins who love to write, read and color. To see them now, you'd never know they were born with congenital blindness. Their only hope was emergency corneal transplantation surgery during their infancy. Thanks to the selfless generosity of multiple eye donors and the ongoing efforts of the Michigan Eye-Bank, Madison and Malia were given a childhood filled with sight and learning...and a future filled with promise.

National Eye Donor Month is a time to pay tribute to the donors and donor family members who make sight restoration possible for thousands of patients, like Madison and Malia, who desperately need their help. Please take a moment to join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry by visiting [www.michiganeyebank.org](http://www.michiganeyebank.org) and clicking the *I Joined!* link.

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	1 Join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry today!	2 Talk to your family about your wishes to donate.	3 Check out the Michigan Eye-Bank videos online at <a href="http://www.michiganeyebank.org">www.michiganeyebank.org</a>	4 Invite a friend to join the Donor Registry today!	5 Did you know that, in 2009, more than 41,000 cornea transplants were performed in the U.S.?	6 Thank a donor family member today.
7 Did you know that one organ and tissue donor can help improve the lives of up to 50 people?	8 Invite a co-worker to join the Donor Registry today!	9 Become a fan of the Michigan Eye-Bank on Facebook!	10 Did you know that all major religions support eye, organ and tissue donation?	11 Do you have a red heart donor designation on your driver's license?	12 Anyone can join the Donor Registry!	13 Why is donation important to you? Post your story on the Michigan Eye-Bank Facebook page!
14 Create a tribute for your loved one at <a href="http://www.donortribute.org">www.donortribute.org</a>	15 In 2009, 1,088 people in Michigan received a second chance for sight.	16 Encourage your organization to become a Michigan Eye-Bank Community Partner.	17 Send a letter to your local newspaper about eye, organ and tissue donation.	18 Did you know the Michigan Eye-Bank supports eye and vision research?	19 Invite a family member to join the Donor Registry today!	20 Did you know the first cornea transplant was performed in 1905?
21 Invite your religious organization to talk about eye, organ and tissue donation.	22 Become a fan of Gift of Life Michigan on Facebook!	23 Did you know more than 100,000 people in the U.S. are waiting for an organ transplant?	24 Did you know the Michigan Eye-Bank has provided service for more than half a century?	25 Schedule an eye exam for yourself.	26 Consider becoming a Michigan Eye-Bank Volunteer. Call Allison Claerhout at (734) 887-2304.	27 Buy safety goggles, and make sure everyone in your house knows where they are... just like fire extinguishers!
28 Did you know that corneal transplantation is the most commonly performed transplant procedure in the U.S.?	29 Talk with a child about the importance of donation.	30 Did you know even people with impaired vision can become cornea donors?	31 Consider a charitable gift to the Michigan Eye-Bank in honor of the donors who have helped others see again.	 <b>MICHIGAN EYE-BANK</b>  DEDICATED TO THE RESTORATION OF SIGHT		

