



Eye Bank Association of America

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## **Loma Linda Foundation Donates Roses Representing EBAA Member Banks**

The Loma Linda Eye Foundation has generously donated a rose for each EBAA member eye bank in the Family Circle Garden on Donate Life America's Float in the Rose Parade to be held on January 1, 2009. The Grant allowed each EBAA member eye bank the opportunity to dedicate a rose in honor of a cornea donor.

Each rose will carry a personal message and be placed in the Family Circle Garden. The Family Circle Garden is a living memorial on the Donate Life Rose Parade Float as part of the Tournament of Roses Parade, which will be televised to millions of homes across the United States.

The Loma Linda Eye Foundation is a non profit organization founded by the Lions clubs of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to assist financially those in need of eye care who cannot afford the total cost.

The EBAA is very appreciative to the Loma Linda Eye Foundation for its generous donation and its support of eye banking across the United States.

The Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA), established in 1961, is the oldest transplant association in the nation. The EBAA is dedicated to the restoration of sight

through the promotion and advancement of eye banking. It has led the transplantation field with the establishment of medical standards for the distribution of eyes and comprehensive training and certification programs for eye banking personnel. These standards have been used as models for other transplantation organizations. Member eye banks operate in the United States, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. These eye banks make possible more than 50,000 sight-restoring corneal transplants annually.

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