



Eye Bank Association of America

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has declared April 2009 as National Donate Life Month.

HRSA's Workplace Partnership for Life, a national donation initiative, is working diligently with the EBAA and other partners to increase donation awareness among their employees and associates throughout the U.S.

Since 2003, National Donate Life Month has been recognized each April to celebrate the contributions of organ, eye and tissue donors and to encourage others to follow in their footsteps. Currently, more than 100,000 people are on the waiting list to receive an organ transplant. For more information, please go to www.organdonor.gov.

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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