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Dr. Woodford Van Meter to be Awarded 2010 R. Townley Paton Award

WASHINGTON, DC -- The Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) is pleased to announce that Woodford Van Meter, MD, Medical Director for Lions Eye Bank of Lexington – Vision Share, based in Lexington, Kentucky, will receive the 2010 R. Townley Paton Award during the EBAA/Cornea Society Federated Symposium in Chicago, Illinois on October 15, 2010.

The R. Townley Paton Award is the EBAA's highest honor for corneal physicians, and is presented annually to an ophthalmologist in recognition of his/her outstanding contribution to the EBAA's development and for exemplifying the precepts of R. Townley Paton, M.D., the father of modern eye banking and the founder of the first eye bank established in the United States.

The Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA), established in 1961, is the oldest transplant association in the nation. The EBAA champions the restoration of sight through core services to its members which advance donation, transplantation and research in their communities and throughout the world. 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 52,000 sight-restoring corneal transplants annually.

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