



Eye Bank Association of America

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NATIONAL DONOR SABBATH TO BE OBSERVED NOVEMBER 9-11, 2007

WASHINGTON, DC – November 9-11, 2007 marks Donate Life America's 12th annual interfaith celebration of life and donation, National Donor Sabbath. Churches, Mosques, Temples and many other places of worship will be joining with their local eye, tissue and organ banks to increase awareness in their communities about giving the gift of life.

Participating organizations will have donor cards available to their congregations, honor donor families and recipients, encourage donation in their sermons and conduct a variety of events to advocate donation.

More than 100,000 men, women and children are in need of an organ transplant. Each day, an average of 18 people die because the organ that could have saved their lives was not available. Eye Banks across the country provide approximately 45,000 corneas for sight-restoring transplants annually. These Eye Banks will be participating with the other transplant agencies during this weekend to promote organ, eye and tissue donation. To find out more, please visit www.donatelife.net.

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.

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