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Jason Woody Named 2012 Leonard Heise Awardee

Washington, DC -- The Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) is pleased to announce that Jason Woody, CEBT, President/CEO for the Lions Eye Institute for Transplant & Research, Inc. will receive the 2012 Leonard Heise Award during the EBAA Annual Meeting in Hollywood, FL, June 20-23, 2012.

The Leonard Heise Award is presented to a non-physician individual within the eye-banking community recognized for his or her outstanding devotion to the EBAA's development and for exemplifying the precepts of Leonard Heise, a major contributor to the fight against blindness and one of the EBAA's original founders.

Mr. Woody has been with the Lions Eye Institute for Transplant & Research, Inc. for the past 21 years. He has served on various EBAA committees and boards, including the Medical Advisory Board, Certification Board and the International Relations and Technician Education Committees. Mr. Woody is currently an At-Large Member of the EBAA Executive Committee and a Large Eye Bank Representative on the Board of Directors.

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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