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Eye Bank to honor Marco Zarbin, M.D., Ph.D., FACS

The Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey will recognize Marco Zarbin, M.D., Ph.D., FACS, as a Man of Vision on March 29, 2012, when the organization hosts its premier "Night for Sight" fundraising gala. This celebration will conclude a series of events hosted by the Eye Bank throughout the month in recognition of March as National Eye Donor Month.

"As a physician, Dr. Zarbin has made significant contributions in patient care, education and research," says Margaret Chaplin, the Eye Bank's executive director. "As chair of the Institute of Ophthalmology and Visual Science at the New Jersey Medical School, his accomplishments reflect the mission of the Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey to preserve and restore sight through transplantation, research, education and partnership."

Dr. Zarbin is a graduate of Dartmouth College and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. After his medical internship at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and his ophthalmology residency at the Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute, the Johns Hopkins Hospital, he completed fellowships in vitreoretinal surgery and medical retinal disease at the Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute. Today, Dr. Zarbin is the Chief of Ophthalmology at University Hospital in Newark, New Jersey, as well as being the Chair of the Institute of Ophthalmology and Visual Science, New Jersey Medical School, where he also serves as a professor of ophthalmology and neuroscience. As a researcher, he is focused on developing new surgical treatments for age-related macular degeneration.

Throughout his career, Dr. Zarbin has been involved with myriad professional organizations, and has been listed among the "Best Doctors in America," as well as among the "Best Doctors in New Jersey" and the "Best Doctors in New York." His clinical practice is limited to medical and surgical diseases of the retina and vitreous with special expertise in age-related macular degeneration, trauma management, complex retinal detachment and surgery of the macula. He is also an esteemed member of Midwest Eye-Banks' Research Review Committee.

Tickets to attend Night for Sight are \$125 per person. The evening's festivities will begin at 6 p.m., and include a cocktail reception, grand gourmet dinner buffet, music, open bar and silent auction. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Cathy Wasner at (732) 382-3060, ext.7278, or cwasner@lebnyj.org.

The Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey is a charitable, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of sight. It recovers, evaluates and distributes human eye tissue for transplantation. It also supports research into the causes and cures of blinding eye conditions, promotes donation awareness through public and professional education, and provides humanitarian aid to people in need of corneal transplantation throughout the world. Visit www.lionseyebanknj.org or call (800) 653-9379 for more information.

