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Eye Bank names Walter Pardo as Chairman of "Night for Sight" fundraiser

The Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey has named Walter Pardo, managing partner/founder of Wealth Financial Partners (FAS) and WFP Tax Partners, LLC (www.wealthfinancialpartners.com) in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, as the chairman of its "Night for Sight" fundraising gala, to be held at Mayfair Farms in West Orange on Thursday, March 29, 2012. 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.

"We are pleased to have Walter serve in this leadership role on behalf of the Eye Bank," says Margaret Chaplin, executive director. "With his proven business and leadership skills, and given his involvement within the community, I am confident our event will be successful and will help us to fulfill our mission."

In addition to his 20 years in the financial services industry, Walter, a Certified Wealth Strategist (CWS) and member of the Ed Slott Elite IRA Advisory Group, is also a strong supporter of local community organizations. He is a member of the Summit Lions Club, and is an active alumnus for his alma maters, Norwich University and the Military College of Vermont. He resides in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, with his wife, Suzanne, and daughters, Isabel and Natalie, but considers Hawk Pointe Golf Club in Washington, New Jersey, his home away from home.

"One of my core principles is altruism: I have to give it away to get it," explains Walter. "I am very proud to be on the board of the Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey, and to be able to spread the message of awareness of eye, organ and tissue donation and the hope it represents. I'm sure all who join our cause will share in my enthusiasm!"

At Night for Sight, the Eye Bank will honor Marco A. Zarbin, M.D., Ph.D., FACS, for the expertise he has offered to organizations and physicians, making significant contributions in patient care, education and research. As Chair of the Institute of Ophthalmology and Visual Science at the New Jersey Medical School, Dr. Zarbin's accomplishments reflect the mission of the Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey to preserve and restore sight through transplantation, research, education and partnership.

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, music, open bar, dessert table and silent auction. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Cathy Wasner at (732) 382-3060, ext.7278, or cwasner@lebnj.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.

