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**BEAUTY OF SIGHT EYE BANK DISTRIBUTES OVER 1,000 CORNEAS FOR THIRD
CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

Miami, Florida (July 17, 2024) – Beauty of Sight, formerly known as Florida Lions Eye Bank, has successfully distributed over 1,000 corneas for sight-saving transplants for the third consecutive year, closing its 2023-2024 fiscal year on a high note.

Since founding in 1962 as Florida Lions Eye Bank, Beauty of Sight, one of the 55 non-profit eye banks in the United States, has provided over 75,000 ocular grafts for corneal transplants and other vision-restoring surgeries. Additionally, nearly 40,000 ocular tissues have been supplied for research and training.

“Our organization is incredibly proud of our role in restoring sight. This life-changing work would not be possible without the generosity of donors and their families, our exceptional team's dedication, and our community partners' unwavering support. Together, we are transforming lives and bringing light to those in darkness,” said Executive Director Elizabeth Fout.

Approximately 12.7 million people worldwide suffer from corneal blindness and require corneal transplants to restore their vision. Eye banks serve as the bridge between donor and recipient. The demand for corneal transplants worldwide far exceeds the supply, leading to long wait times, poor quality of life, and limitations for many patients.

In South Florida, Beauty of Sight is dedicated to restoring sight, educating the community, and strengthening relationships with partners such as hospitals, ophthalmologists, medical examiners, and funeral directors. This ensures that donation opportunities, which result in corneal transplantation, are noticed. The process begins with an individual's selfless decision to be an eye, organ, and tissue donor. This is followed by careful recovery and evaluation of the donated tissue, leading to sight restoration through corneal transplantation.

For more information on Beauty of Sight's programs and impact, visit Beauty of Sight at beautyofsight.org.

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