



SightLife Leader Honored with *Seattle Magazine* Global Health Award

Seattle, WA (June 26, 2012)—SightLife President & CEO Monty Montoya was recently recognized by *Seattle Magazine* as an outstanding leader in the field of global health. As part of its 12th annual “Top Docs” feature in the July 2012 issue, the magazine honored Monty and eight other professionals with 2012 Global Health Awards for work being done on behalf of sick and suffering people worldwide. The awards were presented June 20 at the magazine’s Top Docs event in Seattle.

“Monty made it his life’s work to make corneas available to millions of blind people all over the world,” said guest presenter Lisa Cohen, executive director of the Washington Global Health Alliance. “As president of SightLife, he’s right on track, leading an effort to perform 100,000 transplants in India by 2020. Our panel recognizes Monty Montoya as a high-impact innovator.”

SightLife Chief Global Officer Tim Schottman, who uses expertise gained as a leader at Starbucks to bring sustainable eye banking to developing countries, accepted the award on Monty’s behalf. “We’re honored to be recognized, given all the great global health organizations in Seattle,” said Tim. “SightLife helps restore sight to more than 30 people every day, but this is only possible through our partners in India, Ethiopia, Nepal and Paraguay.”

Cohen noted, “Tim is an appropriate stand-in as he is evidence of one of Monty’s biggest strengths: attracting amazing talent from the corporate sector to help realize SightLife’s mission to treat corneal blindness worldwide.”

About SightLife

Founded in 1969, SightLife is the only non-profit global health organization and eye bank solely focused on eliminating corneal blindness in the U.S. and around the world. Driven by an entrepreneurial spirit, the organization leverages innovative technologies and best business practices to transform lives and unlock life’s possibilities for the corneal blind. SightLife works in partnership with surgeons and health organizations in more than 30 countries. SightLife provided a record 5,233 corneas for transplant and in addition, its global eye bank partners provided 5,622 corneas for transplant in 2011. For more information, visit www.SightLife.org.

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