



## Monty Montoya is an EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2014 Award Winner in the Pacific Northwest

Seattle (June 23, 2014)— SightLife President and CEO Monty Montoya has received the [EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ 2014 Award](#) in the Life Sciences category in the Pacific Northwest. The award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Montoya was selected by an independent panel of judges, and the award was presented at a special gala event at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue on Friday, June 20, 2014.

“SightLife’s mission is to eliminate cornea blindness worldwide and, thanks to the tireless efforts of my team, we are gaining momentum. It was fantastic to see our organization and accomplishments get this kind of recognition,” said Montoya. “We will continue to accelerate SightLife’s global effort to help eye banks in underserved parts of the world develop capacity and serve the needs of the corneal blind in their own communities.”

As a Pacific Northwest award winner, Montoya is now eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year 2014 national program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Overall Award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 15, 2014. The awards are the culminating event of the EY Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation’s most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

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### 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. Together with its global partners, SightLife provided 17,309 corneas for transplant in 2013. For more information, visit [www.SightLife.org](http://www.SightLife.org).

### About EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™

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who inspire others with their vision, leadership and achievement. As the first and only truly global award of its kind, Entrepreneur Of The Year celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards programs in more than 145 cities in more than 60 countries.

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