Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island (OCLI), the Largest and One of the Most Prestigious Multi-Specialty Ophthalmology Practices on Long Island, Participates in Mission Cataract USA

Ophthalmologists offer free cataract surgery to eligible Long Island residents

Westbury, NY (PRWEB) July 22, 2009 -- Throughout August and September, doctors in the Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island (OCLI) practice will perform free surgery at the Island Eye Surgicenter to give the gift of sight back to those who have lost some or all of their vision because of cataracts. OCLI is a participant in the Mission Cataract USA program and is offering this outpatient surgical procedure to residents of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens who are not covered by medical insurance and who are unable to pay for the surgery themselves. For more information, please visit http://www.ocli.net.

"OCLI has a history of giving back to the community, through the personal efforts of our eye care doctors and as a group. This effort is one more piece of our OCLI 'Renewed Vision™' program and it is an innovative way to give back to the community we serve" said Tom Burke, CEO of OCLI. He continued, "We participate in similar projects, such as Healthy Vision 2010 with The National Eye Institute and Eye Care America with the American Academy of Ophthalmology. These efforts help us reach vision and service objectives as part of a shared responsibility for national disease prevention that helps to improve the health of all Americans."

OCLI has performed charitable surgical procedures for many years with various local service organizations including The Lion's Eye Bank and The Sons of Italy. For this Mission Cataract effort, the doctors, technicians and nurses volunteer their services free of charge. The procedures will be performed at the Island Eye Surgicenter, in Carle Place.

Participating cataract surgeons include: Stanley Berke, MD, Robert Broderick, MD, Ronald Caronia, MD, Gerard D'Aversa, MD, Eric Donnenfeld, MD, Russell Fumuso, MD, David Nelson, MD, David Sachs, MD and Richard Sturm, MD.

Those who meet Mission Cataract guidelines and want more information should visit http://www.ocli.net or call: 1-866-SEE-OCLI (1-866-733-6254) before July 31st.

The following corporate and individual professionals along with their staff, have generously contributed professional services, surgical supplies, pharmaceuticals and equipment to bring this community service to reality: Julie Suarez, M.D. Rockville Centre, Roman P. Urbanczck, M.D. Valley Stream (Rotacare), Brad Litwak, MD and Nassau Ambulatory Anesthesia Associates, Abbott Medical Optics, Allergan, Bausch and Lomb, Cardinal Health Incorporated and Integrated Medical Supplies.

Mission Cataract began in 1991 with Frederick A. Richburg, MD, in Fresno, California. Since then, hundreds of people throughout the United States have undergone the procedure to remove their cataracts at no cost to them.

Cataracts are very common. Approximately 20.5 million Americans age 40 and older have cataracts. New advances and techniques have made cataract surgery one of the most successful and life-improving surgical procedures. Cataract surgery is usually done as an outpatient procedure under local anesthesia. In this procedure, the eye surgeon makes a tiny incision through which he or she removes the cloudy lens and replaces it with a permanent artificial lens. It can have an enormous impact on the quality of someone's life. Cataract
surgery is usually covered by medical insurance, including Medicare.

About Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island

OCLI, one of the largest ophthalmology practices in the nation, consists of 21 eye specialists representing each subspecialty of ophthalmology in 6 locations throughout Long Island; in Rockville Centre, Lynbrook, Valley Stream, Stony Brook, Manhasset and East Meadow. OCLI also has a research department that is involved in FDA studies to improve the treatment and diagnosing of ophthalmic diseases. For more information, please call 1-866-733-6254 or visit http://www.ocli.net.

About Island Eye Surgicenter

Island Eye Surgicenter is a New York State licensed and Medicare certified Ambulatory Surgery Center and has been nationally accredited by AAAHC (the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care). Island Eye Surgicenter is unique in that it specializes in the surgical care and treatment of eye disorders. The center has made significant contributions in its pharmaceutical and device research activities. Island Eye Surgicenter is also a N.Y. State licensed Tissue Transplantation facility, and is a leader in the field of Corneal Transplantation. http://www.islandeye.net.

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