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Optometry Giving Sight Comings and Goings

CALGARY AB – Optometry Giving Sight (OGS) announces Sharyn Gallatin as the new Director of Development, North America, and the retirement of Eric Anderson, Director of Donor Engagement, North America.

Sharyn Gallatin has over 20 years of fundraising experience, as both a volunteer solicitor and when she moved to the professional side of philanthropy where she assumed the role of Chief Development Officer for the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor. There she revitalized the Annual Campaign, and the Jewish Foundation, which is the planned giving arm of the Federation. Most recently, Sharyn was the Director of Foundations and Endowment for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan.

In addition to her work in nonprofit development, Sharyn has over 20 years of experience as an estate planning attorney, which is instrumental in planned giving and vital to the long-term sustainability of the organization. “I am so excited and honored to join the OGS team. I look forward to hitting the ground running and taking the resource development of this amazing organization to new heights!”

Eric Anderson was with OGS for seven and a half years and came with a wealth of fundraising experience, mostly in higher education. He has been a driving force in securing support from the optometric community to meet the OGS mission. Eric states “It has been my privilege and joy to get to know the optical industry and to make friends with the many donors to this great cause. I strongly encourage optical companies, their leaders and employees, optometrists and other ECPs who have not supported OGS to do so, to give back, to give sight and hope to those around the world who literally need our help to see.”

Anne Marie Hand, Executive Director, North America at Optometry Giving Sight stated “I want to welcome Sharyn and greatly look forward to working with her and taking OGS to the next level! I also want to thank Eric for his years of service and for the brief time he served as Interim Executive Director.”

Optometry Giving Sight is a global fundraising initiative that specifically targets the prevention of blindness and impaired vision due to uncorrected refractive error – simply the need for an eye exam and a pair of glasses. More than 1.2 billion people around the world are blind or vision impaired because they do not have access to an eye exam and the glasses they need. Donations enable Optometry Giving Sight to fund the solution by supporting programs that train local eye care professionals, establish vision centers for sustainability, and deliver eye care and low-cost glasses. For more information, visit givingsight.org.

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