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**Ophthalmic Innovator from San Diego Eye Bank Earns Award for Supporting  
Corneal Donation and Sight Restoration**

*Nancy Biagioni earns Gift of Sight Award for a career dedicated to advancing eye banking, aiding the visually impaired, and assisting in giving the gift of sight.*

Washington, DC—The [Eye Bank Association of America](https://www.restoresight.org/) (EBAA), the world's oldest transplantation organization and nationally-recognized accrediting and standards setting body for eye banks, today announced Nancy Biagioni as the recipient of 2025 [Gift of Sight Award](#). The Gift of Sight is presented to a professional who works closely with the eye banking community whose efforts demonstrate significant support of eye banking and corneal donation.

"Beyond an entire career dedicated to sight restoration, Nany remains a champion for the visually impaired during retirement by volunteering for both Gifted Back and the Braille Institute" said EBAA President & CEO, Kevin Corcoran. "It's clear that advancing the gift of sight is more than a job for Nancy—it's her life's passion. She's helped countless individuals live fuller, better lives because of her devotion to those hindered by ophthalmologic conditions."

There are an estimated 12 million individuals around the world suffering from corneal blindness that could be corrected with a corneal transplant. There is no artificial cornea—the transplantation process depends on the priceless gift of donation from one human to another. Nearly anyone can be a cornea donor, as blood-type, eye color, vision quality, and age are not relevant to donation.

EBAA will present the 2025 Gift of Sight Award to Nancy Biagioni, at the [2025 EBAA Annual Meeting](#) in San Diego during its Awards Luncheon on Friday, June 27.

*The Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA), established in 1961, is the oldest donation and transplantation association in the U.S. It sets medical standards, provides education, oversees professional certifications, and engages in advocacy to support eye donation, cornea transplantation, and research. Since EBAA's founding, member eye banks have provided tissue for nearly 2.5 million sight-restoring corneal transplants. To learn more, visit [restoresight.org](https://www.restoresight.org).*