

## Glaucoma Research Society of Canada Announces the Appointment of Lindsay O'Connor as Executive Director

TORONTO, December 7, 2010 – Martin Chasson, President of the Glaucoma Research Society of Canada, today announced the appointment of Lindsay O'Connor as the organization's new Executive Director.

In making the announcement, Chasson said, "Lindsay's 13 years of national and international experience in the eye health field make him an excellent fit for our organization, the only Canadian charity solely dedicated to funding glaucoma research.

"Today's economic climate is bringing enormous challenges for charities but we are confident that Lindsay's experience and leadership will allow the Glaucoma Research Society of Canada to continue to fund research projects that will find new treatments and prevent blindness from glaucoma."

Since 1988 the Society has raised more than one and a half million dollars to fund research projects by most of Canada's top glaucoma researchers. In 2010 the Society provided grants totaling \$180,000 to 16 nationally and internationally recognized researchers.

Glaucoma is one of the most common eye diseases among the aging population and one of the most common causes of preventable blindness in the world. The keys to managing this disease are early diagnosis, proper treatment and regular eye exams.

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