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Dear Friends,

Close your eyes and imagine for a few moments what it would be like if the Holiday Season arrived and you simply couldn't see it. What if, in place of the sparkling lights, the brightly colored bows, and the look of wonder and delight on children's faces, you saw only a wall of darkness; experiencing visual isolation and loneliness while everyone else around was sharing in the beauty and the revelry of the season? That terrible suffering is about to end, through incredible research we've pioneered for over 40 years.

Within the last six years, the promise of reversing blindness has proven a reality. At the Vision Awards®, we introduced scientists with compelling research restoring eye sight; and we opened the door to new thinking towards our previous research.

Our adult stem cell transplant, first performed in 1984, restored eyesight to Delphine. A great deal of her eye sight was restored under the surgically skillful technique performed by a member of our own scientific board. Gholam Peyman, M.D. Your support has made this miracle possible. Restoring sight to the blind is no longer a dream, it's now possible. Yes, the same procedure that worked on Delphine might possibly give me, members of my family, and others a chance to see again.

Funds are needed desperately today to make this happen for millions of people losing their sight right now, many are children as young as the age of 2. If we could only push ahead quickly and get this procedure into clinics that will do the surgery, just as with the first heart transplant so many years ago. Heart transplantation was a rarity once; now it is a routine procedure saving lives everyday.

I'm asking you to give generously this holiday. For millions this Christmas, the gift of sight is the only gift they pray for. Please do your best to help... *(cont on page 2)*



*Vision
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Vin Scully

*Show Host and RPI's
"Voice of Vision"*

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Vin Scully will host along with many of Hollywood's top stars to bring light to the darkness by participating in "The Eyes of Christmas™". The telecast benefits RP International, the nation's leading non-profit organization fighting blindness and other degenerative eye diseases.

An international telecast that has become an annual holiday tradition in which entertainment's brightest lend their voices to help the blind "see" the magic of the Yuletide by sharing their personal remembrances of the holidays, lending their eyes to those who are unable to see the beauty of the season.

Hollywood has joined the fight to restore the eyesight of those we love; our children, husbands, wives and parents, everyone deserves to see the wonder and beauty of this holiday season, the incredible joy on the face of a child opening their very first present, no child should be denied the things that our gift of sight makes possible.

This year's broadcast to over 100 million homes via ION Media Network, Fox-KCOP Los Angeles, DirecTV, The Dish Network, includes, Stevie Wonder, George Clooney, Garth Brooks, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny Devito, Albert Brooks, Brooke Shields, Celine Dion, Charlton Heston, David Hyde Pierce, Drew Barrymore, Faith Hill, , Geena Davis, John Lithgow, John Travolta, Jon Voight, Kate Capshaw, Katharine Hepburn, Laura Dern, Magic Johnson, Meg Ryan, Morgan Freeman, Oliver Stone, Patti LaBelle, Pierce Brosnan, Phil Collins, Quentin Tarantino, Samuel L. Jackson, , Tim Allen, Will Smith, William Shatner, and many others.

Thank you for caring over all these years and for making your best gift today. I'm always thinking of you and your families and I truly wish you a happy sight filled life, reminding you to take a moment to snap that picture of life and hold it close to your own hearts.

Warmest Regards,

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