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Cleveland Sight Center Announces New Chief Financial Officer

Jonathan C. Ivec to Transition from Academia to Nonprofit Social Services Agency

CLEVELAND, OH – February 24, 2009 – Cleveland Sight Center is pleased to announce the appointment of Jonathan C. Ivec as the agency’s new Chief Financial Officer, effective March 2, 2009. He will work closely with Leonard Law, the agency’s current Chief Financial Officer, during March to ensure a smooth transition. Law is retiring after nearly 23 years of dedicated service to Cleveland Sight Center, its clients and our community.

Ivec led the finance department at John Carroll University for more than 13 years, initially serving as its Vice President for Business, and subsequently as its Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services, while also serving as Treasurer in conjunction with both positions. Since leaving his position in finance at John Carroll in August 2008, Ivec has been a consultant to the university as its Advisor to Business Operations.

“I’m excited to become a part of Cleveland Sight Center, an organization with a long tradition of excellence in serving our community, and I look forward to working with the agency’s staff, trustees and volunteers to continue to provide an opportunity for clients to obtain vision rehabilitation services and achieve their goals for generations to come.”

Ivec’s senior financial and administrative level experience includes accounting, budgeting, strategic planning, investments, risk management, board relations, human resources, physical plant and new construction as well as environmental health and safety. While at John Carroll University Ivec served as the administrative liaison to four Board of Trustees committees including Audit, Finance, Investments and Properties.

“We are thrilled to have someone with Jonathan’s expertise in finance, strategic planning and board relations join Cleveland Sight Center,” stated Dr. Steven M. Friedman, the agency’s Executive Director, “especially at this critical time when we are re-defining our services to meet the changing needs of a growing population of individuals with vision loss, and determining the most appropriate environment within which to deliver our services.”

In addition to John Carroll University, Ivec held key finance positions at Figgie International, Mor-Flor Industries and other corporations. Ivec earned his Master of Business Administration degree from The Ohio State University and his Bachelor of Science in Economics degree from John Carroll University. He is a State of Ohio Certified Public Accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants as well as the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants. Since 1997 Ivec has been a board member of the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority and currently serves as the organization's Finance Committee Chair.

About Cleveland Sight Center

Cleveland Sight Center, a nonprofit agency founded in 1906, provides people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired with preventative, educational, rehabilitative, social, and many other vision support services to help improve their quality of life. These services also include recreational activities such as sailing, golf, beep-baseball, tandem cycling, crafts, music and a camp, Highbrook Lodge, in Chardon where campers of all ages enjoy summer fun. Cleveland Sight Center is a CARF-accredited vision rehabilitation facility.

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