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Hawaiian Eye Center Celebrates Four Decades Serving Hawaii

(Honolulu, Hawaii) October 19, 2015 – In October 1975, John Corboy, M.D., founded Hawaiian Eye Center with the mission of creating a first-class medical eye care and surgery center in Hawaii. At the time, local medical care wasn't up to par with that of the mainland, and Dr. Corboy was one of the first to deliver modern outpatient surgery and high-quality service with a personal touch. Dr. Corboy decided to pass the torch to me in 2000 so he could shift his focus onto his Hawaiian Eye Foundation, which brings top-notch eye care to underserved populations throughout the Pacific.

Educating the public about the importance of preventative eye health was another passion of Dr. Corboy and he launched "The Hawaiian Eye Show" in 1980 on KGU 99.5 FM. The weekly broadcast, which now airs every Saturday on KHVH 830 AM and KHBZ 990 AM, has been under my direction since 1995 and is the longest running medical radio show in Hawaii.

Today, our center operates clinics in Wahiawa and Waipahu on Oahu, as well as Hilo on the Big Island. My associate Steven Rhee, D.O., and I continue to offer a wide range of advanced services, including eye exams, care of chronic eye diseases, surgery for cataracts and glaucoma and even transportation to and from the facility for those in need.

Staying on top of eye care innovations, we have recently started utilizing a cataract removal procedure at our surgical center known as the Femtosecond laser. This laser is used in the most technologically advanced form of cataract surgery known as the "Laser Assisted Cataract Surgery." The use of this technology allows for the opportunity to enhance the outcome of surgeries and also offers patients the ability to reduce their dependence on eyeglasses and contact lenses.

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Recently, I was honored as one of Honolulu Magazine's 2015 "Top Doctors in Hawaii" and the center was named one of this year's "Best Places to Work" by Hawaii Business Magazine—four years running. Even after serving the people of Hawaii for 40 years, we have no plans to slow down.

Christopher Tortora, M.D., and Steven Rhee, D.O., are board-certified ophthalmologists at Hawaiian Eye Center. Dr. Tortora also hosts "The Hawaiian Eye Show," a weekly informational radio program about healthy vision broadcast live every Saturday at 8 a.m. on KHVH 830 AM/rebroadcast at 9 p.m. on KHBZ 990 AM. Hawaiian Eye Center's dedicated doctors and support staff are committed to educating the public about the importance of preventative eye care. To learn more about a variety of eye health issues, please call 621-8448 or visit HawaiianEye.com and Facebook.com/HawaiianEyeCenter, where "life has never looked better."

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