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636.227.2600 x2030**EyeCare Partners Acquires John-Kenyon, Bennett & Bloom, and McPeak**

ST. LOUIS, MO – October 24, 2018 – EyeCare Partners, LLC (ECP) is pleased to announce its further expansion into the Kentucky ophthalmology market with the acquisitions of John-Kenyon Eye Centers and Bennett & Bloom Eye Centers, the two leading ophthalmology practices in Louisville, Kentucky, as well as McPeak Vision Partners, the leading ophthalmology practice in the Bowling Green/Glasgow, Kentucky area.

Bennett & Bloom's origin in the Louisville area dates back more than 30 years, to 1987. The practice's 17 doctors, including nine ophthalmologists and eight optometrists, are led by Inder P. Singal, M.D., a nationally and internationally recognized ophthalmology leader. At its nine locations in the Louisville area, Bennett & Bloom provides a full suite of LASIK, cataract, and retina medical and surgical eye care services. Bennett & Bloom has become the first practice in and around Louisville to offer cutting-edge procedures such as "No Needles, No Stitch, No Patch" cataract surgery, the Toric intraocular lens (IOL), the Ex-PRESS™ Mini Glaucoma Shunt, and retinal surgery on an outpatient basis using only local anesthesia.

Like Bennett & Bloom, John-Kenyon has been a preeminent Louisville ophthalmology practice for more than 30 years. Led by Britt E. Brockman, M.D., John-Kenyon's four ophthalmologists and four optometrists, including recognized experts in cornea, retina and refractive care, treat all medical vision needs -- from LASIK to Cataracts to Diabetic Retinopathy and more -- at its three centers in Louisville and Southern Indiana. John-Kenyon doctors also travel throughout Kentucky and Southern Indiana to bring specialized eye care straight to areas outside of Louisville.

Led by Spencer Witcher, M.D. and Mark Kroll, M.D., McPeak Vision Partners has been one of the leading ophthalmology practices in Southern and Western Kentucky since its founding in 1975. From its two primary locations in Glasgow and Bowling Green, McPeak's two ophthalmologists and two optometrists provide a comprehensive suite of ophthalmology, optometry, and retail eye care needs. McPeak is the only local provider of laser-assisted cataract surgery as well as blade-free LASIK in Southern and Western Kentucky. The practice was also the first practice in the area to offer minimally invasive glaucoma surgery (MIGS) with the iStent.

The Bennett & Bloom, John-Kenyon, and McPeak doctors are excited to join forces with world-class partner ECP. According to Dr. Brockman, "As an eye care leader in Louisville and the State of Kentucky, John-Kenyon's mission is to provide the best possible care to patients. Our partnership with ECP will allow us to devote much more time directly to patient care. We are thrilled with our new association and look forward to helping even more patients throughout Louisville and Kentucky."

“The partnership with ECP provides us the ability to continue our expansion throughout Kentucky, and increases our ability to provide patients with superior eye care,” said Dr. Singal. “By combining the exceptional eye care capabilities of Bennett & Bloom with the expertise and resources of ECP, existing patients and new patients will greatly benefit.”

“We feel partnering with ECP is the perfect fit to accomplish McPeak’s shared goals of providing the absolute best quality of comprehensive eye care to our patients, as well as to expand the practice’s geographic reach to those who may not currently have access,” said Doctors Witcher and Kroll. “ECP offers a wealth of experience and resources that will allow us to improve on our quality of care as we grow, while also allowing us to direct all of our attention as doctors to patient care.”

ECP Chief Executive Officer Kelly McCrann added, “John-Kenyon, Bennett & Bloom, and McPeak are, simply put, the best in the business. ECP is committed to the provision of world-class eye care by inviting only the most qualified, experienced doctors to join our family of optometry and ophthalmology practices. With John-Kenyon, Bennett & Bloom, and McPeak and their doctors, ECP is now the leading eye care provider in Louisville and one of a handful of leading eye care providers in Kentucky.”

About EyeCare Partners, LLC

Based in St. Louis, Missouri, EyeCare Partners currently offers comprehensive medical eye care services throughout Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio and North Carolina. The doctors of EyeCare Partners serve the vision care needs of over one million patients. For more information about joining the ECP team, please contact acquisitions@eyecare-partners.com.

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