On September 25, in the John Hancock Hall of the Back Bay Event Center in Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Price was recognized as a guest of honor of the Society at its 726th meeting. During the meeting, Dr. Price gave a presentation on the new corneal transplant procedures known as DSEK, DMEK or DMAEK. Later, he was gifted with a beautiful sterling silver replica of a “Liberty Bowl” originally designed in 1768 by silversmith, Paul Revere. Copies of these bowls are now referred to as “Revere Bowls” and are used by the Society to show appreciation for the contributions of honored guests chosen to present at their annual scientific program.

Congratulations, Dr. Price!

Dr. Price honored by New England Ophthalmological Society

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Dr. Price’s experiences and the Society’s recognition of his contributions highlight the importance of continued support for vision research and transplantation advancements. Your support helps us pursue new treatments and technologies that could potentially transform the lives of patients with vision challenges, just as it has for Lorene Spittler. As we look forward into 2010, we continue to be inspired by the stories of those whose vision has been restored thanks to your generosity and faith in our work. Thank you for all you have done, and will do again in 2010, to help us share the gift of vision with others. Happy holidays to you and yours!
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The Gift of Sight

During this holiday season, gifts are a recurring theme. We feel especially blessed at the Cornea Research Foundation to be intimately involved with both accepting and distributing the priceless gifts of corneas and sight. This giving and receiving is multifaceted and involves far more people and types of giving than you may have imagined.

It All Begins With a Priceless Gift

One of the most obvious gifts is given when a generous family donates a loved one’s cornea to a grateful transplant recipient. Families of transplant recipients are often moved by the patients who have pioneered these new transplant techniques beyond, have helped assuage fears of possible early graft failure with the new endothelial keratoplasty techniques.

A sweet 2-year-old girl that we recently transplanted had a DSEK procedure, which only sparing endothelial keratoplasty techniques (DSEK, DSAEK, DMEK, and DMAEK). These techniques have revolutionized transplant surgery by making it safer, providing more rapid visual recovery, and avoiding loss of eyes from minor trauma after surgery. Without corneas donated for research, these techniques could not have progressed as rapidly.

Donated corneas that are not suitable for transplantation are an equally special gift because they can be used to teach and train eye surgeons so they can help people see better with advanced transplant techniques. We have used corneas donated for research to develop new tissue-sparing endothelial keratoplasty techniques (DSEK, DSAEK, DMEK, and DMAEK). This year’s event will be held on April 22, 2010 at the Renaissance Hotel in Carmel, IN from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Tickets are $35.00 and include a gourmet lunch, a short program featuring Marianne Price, Ph.D. and, of course, a fabulous Silent Auction with 20 beautiful designer purses, each containing at least $200 worth of gift certificates for spa services, hotel stays, dinners at local restaurants and other exciting items. Look for your invitation in early March. Please email Elaine Voci if you would like to receive an invitation: elainevoci@cornea.org

Focus on Education Seminar 2009

Over 120 optometrists attend annual event

The annual all day seminar for optometrists was held on one of the most beautiful Indiana days in November – with warm temperatures, light breezes, and sunny skies. Despite the natural inclination to move outside into a day like that, 120 optometrists spent their time indoors attending the educational event at the Ritz Charles in Carmel, IN. The seminar offered continuing education credits and provided a special three hour workshop by Dr. Stephen Soper on corneal endothelial grafting.

New LASIK Research Study Underway

Seeking Volunteers

In collaboration with Price Vision Group, the Cornea Research Foundation has begun a new LASIK clinical study and is now seeking candidates. Qualifying candidates will be compensated for their time. For more information about the study, or to see if you are a candidate, please contact Study Coordinator, Clorissa Quillin today at (317) 814-2996.