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Roger Goelzer, a 69-year-old retired development director from Indianapolis, recently donated over $200,000 in stocks to the Cornea Research Foundation of America (CRFA), a nonprofit that works to cure eye disease.

Goelzer said he made the donation to support ongoing research that he believes could cure their eye disease. Roger explained, “I did not expect such a rapid conversion of stock – in just a few days we are now totally paid for the research, the surgeons and the people who choose to donate their corneas that help make it all possible.”

Roger’s work as a Development Director had educated him to the “win-win” that a stock donation offers for both donors and gainers taxes for the individual or for the recipient charity. He and his wife, Cindy, had previously donated to a group of local Indianapolis doctors and nurses who were traveling with NASCAR. The conversation got around to his vision challenges and one of the nurses referred him to Dr. Price. Roger had a DSEK and mentioned it to his own ophthalmologist who had passed them on to Roger; they were certain it would improve his vision. However, he thought it was a good way for him to give to medical missions. A relative of his thought it would be a good way to do even more improvement in his life. She then drove him to the airport. It was one of the best decisions he made.

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First Board Engagement Committee to Help Shape Next 20 Years

A new committee has been formed to provide recommendations for change that are evolutionary in nature and will benefit the Foundation as it moves into the next 20 years of its life. Thanks to volunteering to serve as the inaugural committee.

From the Research Corner

Dr. Michael W. Dickerson

Being a "social entrepreneur" means identifying benefits to society

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Building the Social Enterprise around was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the innovative spirit and commitment to giving assistance to those who are in need. This has been the Cornea Research Foundation since it founding almost 20 years ago.

With our small but dedicated staff, and Dr. Price's vision and gifted surgical skills, we have consistently been able to accelerate the introduction of new treatments and help people regain vision. This has transformed a lifetime of work into a market with a more targeted, less invasive technique and through our educational course that have raised the bar of performance. For example, this year Dr. Price was the first surgeon in the U.S. to implant a foldable lens in a patient's eye to help correct extreme near-sightedness. As part of the AOA's clinical study, surgeons came from around the country to watch him perform surgery on the first patient. Also this year Dr. Price was the first surgeon in the U.S. to use an automated corneal transplanter, which received a Social Enterprise award.

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