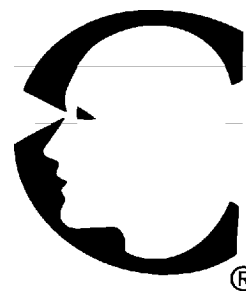


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## New Study May Prevent Nearsightedness in Children

Many of the patients we treat for nearsightedness have to deal with very thick glasses. We all either know or see people who have to wear these thick lenses, which can be quite cumbersome. A few patients have glasses whose measurements are over 20 diopters of nearsightedness, as Sandra Clark had. Her uncorrected vision was not recordable on the eye chart. She has had poor vision for almost her entire life and recently developed cataracts as well. As it turns out, cataracts seem to occur 10 to 15 years sooner in those with higher levels of nearsightedness compared to individuals with normal vision, which is just one of the problems people with increased levels of nearsightedness have. In Sandra's case, she was so nearsighted that she had changes in the anatomical shape of her eye that made cataract surgery itself more complicated.

During Sandra's surgery, as part of a new investigational study for complicated cataract surgery, a special endocapsular tension ring was actually placed in the bag that surrounds the

cataract to stabilize the cataract during surgery and likewise stabilize the implant. The tension ring also makes it less likely that there will be complications after surgery. The procedure went well and she has had a dramatic improvement in her vision since surgery.

Sandra remembers having to wear glasses at a very early age and now has two children who also have a very early onset of nearsightedness. Doctors really don't know exactly why some people become nearsighted and others don't, or why some develop it at such an early age. Obviously in some cases like Sandra's, there appears to be a strong genetic influence.

What happened to Sandra is only part of the story. Here's the rest of the story. **The doctors of the Price Vision Group and the Cornea Research Foundation of America feel that we now have scientific evidence to indicate that nearsightedness can hopefully be either prevented or greatly reduced in most children.** Think of a world where our children would not have to wear glasses as they move into adulthood, and they had normal vision without the distortion, expense, risk or social implications of having to wear glasses or contact lenses.

**The Cornea Research Foundation is currently trying to acquire enough funding to start a pilot study on a method to prevent the development of nearsightedness in school children.** If you are interested in helping with this project, either by donation or by helping us to raise



*Sandra Clark and her two children*

these funds, please contact Susan Simon, Development Director, or send a check to the Cornea Research Foundation.

## NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Susan Simon has been named Development Director of the Cornea Research Foundation. As Development Director, her primary duties will be raising funds, writing proposals for grants, and public relations. Before joining the Foundation, she was co-owner and operator of Gulling Small Engine, a wholesale distribution business, for the last 10 years. Prior to that she was an account executive for Indianapolis Monthly magazine. One of the main reasons she came to the Foundation was to help raise funds for the exciting new study on preventing nearsightedness in children. Having been a nearsighted child herself, she knows the value of preventing this condition in our children and grandchildren. If you would like to be a part of this exciting study, please call Susan at 844-5610 ext 8015.

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## Message From The President of the Board

*The last few months have been terrifying and depressing for most of us. For some, nothing like this has ever been experienced before; for others, it is yet another encounter with some men's attempts to use aggression and destruction to achieve their personal objectives. In both cases, we need to try to move forward in our daily lives and remember what makes our country great. While some are trying to conquer and convert the world, most of us in this country have been trying to make the world a better place. We at the Foundation will continue our mission to try to provide better vision to those who need it.*

*During this holiday season, especially, let us remember to give thanks for what we have; and let us do what we can personally to make the world a better place for all.*

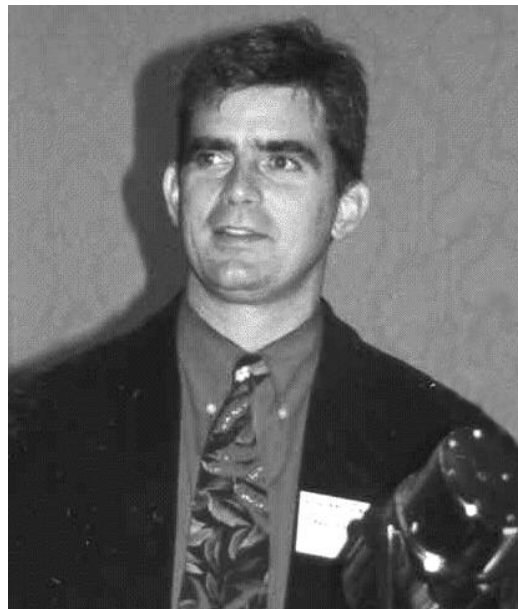
*Sincerely,*

*Francis W. Price, Jr., M.D.*

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## Focus on Education Update 2001 Seminar a Great Success

The 10th annual Focus on Education Update 2001 was held on Saturday, October 27, 2001 at the Ritz Charles in Carmel, Indiana. Approximately 175 doctors of Optometry attended the daylong event. Speakers included: Jeff Gilbard, MD, clinical assistant professor at Harvard Medical School covering two topics of Corneal Healing Problems and Dry Eye: Natural History, Diagnosis & Treatment; Francis Price, MD, speaking on Wavefront Technology in Laser and Refractive Surgery as well as New Developments in Anterior Segment Surgery; William Zeh, MD, talking on Bugs and Drugs; John Geanon, MD, from Woburn, WI, speaking on Current Concepts in Glaucoma Management; and Robert Thompson, Jr., MD, and David Choi, MD, did a joint presentation on how the Ocular Coherence Tomography (OCT) machine is used in treating glaucoma. Attending doctors rated all presentations highly.



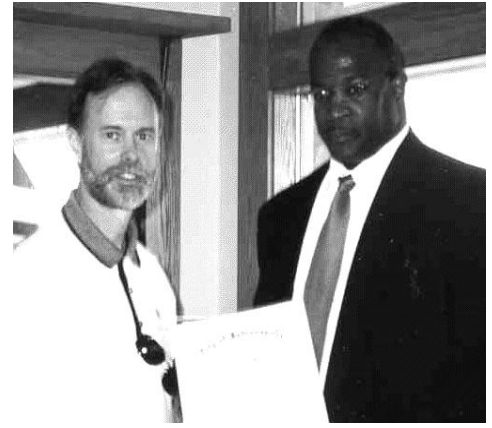
*William Zeh, MD of Price Vision Group speaking on Bugs & Drugs.*

## Golf Fundraiser is Huge Success

On Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, the skies darkened, thunder rumbled and after only three holes of golf had been played, a huge thunderstorm swept through Indianapolis. In spite of that, the **Cornea Golf Classic 2001 was a huge success!!**

The day started off with a great lunch buffet served at Old Oakland Country Club. Prior to the shotgun start at 1:00,

Liquor Lake, Dr. Francis W. Price, Jr., President of the Board of Directors of the Cornea Research Foundation, and Jeff Pigeon of radio station WIBC began what turned out to be a very exciting raffle. Items that were raffled included a TV/VCR/Radio combination, a set of Wilson Golf Clubs with a bag, a Colts jersey signed by Peyton Manning, a \$100 gift certificate from



*Deputy Mayor presents plaque to Dr. Price in honor of CRFA Day.*



*Not really members of the Hole In One Club!!*

a deputy mayor from **Bart Peterson's office proclaimed June 21, 2001 Cornea Research Foundation of America Day.** Shortly after the shotgun start, golfing was cut short by rain, so we all headed over to French Liquor Lake for shelter and what turned out to be a fun-filled afternoon of fabulous prizes, good friends, and great food.

After everybody settled in and dried off at the beautiful facilities at French

Reis Nichols, and many other valuable gifts donated by those listed on the back page of this newsletter.

The Golf Committee, comprised of Pat Chastain, Honorary Chair; Kevin Dubink, Working Chair; D. W. (Buzz) Howell; Joe Kack; Sherry Levy; Francis W. Price, Jr., M.D.; Francis W. Price, Sr., M.D.; Clorissa Quillin; Harry Scheid; and Jocelyn Smith, OD, had worked hard during the year to make



*Happy Golfers*

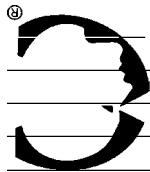
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