



## **Organizational Overview**

The Cornea Research Foundation of America is a globally focused not for profit clinical research and educational organization located in Indianapolis, Indiana. It was founded by internationally recognized ophthalmologist Dr. Francis W. Price, Jr., in 1988 with the primary purpose of tracking corneal transplant results.

Today the Foundation houses the largest data base of its kind in the Western Hemisphere, with over 4,000 documented transplants. The organization has participated in over 70 clinical and investigational studies and published over 90 papers and manuscripts. It oversees approximately a dozen eye-related studies annually.

The vision statement of the Foundation is simple: to give people back the use of their eyes. The mission, in turn, derives from this vision through four pillars captured in the acronym, RISE:

R = Research (a minimum of 12 per year)

I = Innovation (new procedures, devices, implants)

S = Service to humanity (undertaking studies that are unpaid in order to advance the field of ophthalmology)

E = Education of patients through bi-annual Open Houses and ongoing physician education programs such as Advanced Cornea Courses and annual Optometrist education day, Focus on Education