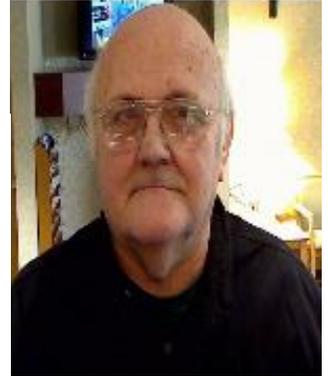




December 12, 2018

Dear Friend,

The vision in my right eye has been challenged all of my life. I've had traumas, multiple procedures, a full-thickness transplant with Dr. Price, a DSEK transplant before DMEK was an option with Dr. Feng, and now I struggle with elevated eye pressure and glaucoma. I've been through the gamut of vision problems, but am thankful for my sight. I have benefitted from new advances thanks to vision research, and offered to share my story with you.



I support the Cornea Research Foundation because I know what they have done for me personally. I know many other people must share that same gratitude. I'd like to invite you to help with a donation this holiday season. Here's my story.

When I was 5 years old, my brother and I were cutting the string off of a toy truck and the scissors punctured my eye. A trip to the ER and a few stitches later, I came home with total vision loss in that eye. My brother blamed himself for years for my challenges and it really affected him. Fifteen years later, a doctor removed some of the corneal scarring and I was able to see color and partial images for the first time since my youth!

In 2008, I reinjured that eye with a piece of steel. My local doctor told me I had a deteriorating disease called Fuchs' dystrophy. After visiting many doctors, one of which suggested I remove the eye altogether, I decided to have a cornea transplant with Dr. Price at Price Vision Group. They have been the best to me—from the receptionist to the doctors themselves. He found I hadn't destroyed my retina like I thought! Due to the previous injury, he performed a full thickness transplant. In 2015, I developed some issues and had a thinner DSEK under that transplant with Dr. Feng.

I've struggled to keep my eye pressure from elevating since 2015. Dr. Feng tried many things but nothing was working. He finally asked me to try a new laser glaucoma procedure. Since I didn't have much sight to lose I gave it a try and thankfully that was successful. I still am being monitored for pressure and that will continue for the rest of my life. While I'm thankful for the sight I do have, I worry about my vision and invite you to join me in supporting the work of these doctors, so that advances in vision medicine will continue to benefit us all.

I know there are many stories like mine, maybe even yours. **Will you join me to help restore hope and sight to other families with a tax-deductible gift this holiday season?**

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elms E. Kress, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elms E. Kress, Jr.

*Patient of Dr. Francis Price and Dr. Matt Feng of Price Vision Group
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P.S. The doctors have provided the Cornea Research Foundation Annual Report which highlights the goals and ambitions of the wonderful work being done to help cure sight loss. *Remember that no donation is too small—each dollar raised helps bring new answers to important questions.*