In December, Research!America (R!A) and The Lasker Foundation released a new fact sheet on Vision and Blindness, developed in conjunction with NAEVR, which is the first-ever vision-related fact sheet within the R!A portfolio of position papers showcasing how investment in research saves lives and money—especially that sponsored by the NEI. The fact sheet accompanied the December R!A newsletter that also featured NAEVR as its “Member of the Month.”

The fact sheet’s official release on Capitol Hill and to the media will occur during a January 25, 2005, Capitol Hill reception to coincide with the start of the 109th Congress and the FY2006 budget/appropriations process. “We are pleased to have worked with R!A to expand the message about the value of eye and vision research,” stated NAEVR’s James Jorkasky, “as it adds another powerful resource to our advocacy efforts with the new Congress.”