



Executive Director Message

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The Alabama Lions Eye Clinic at the UAB Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital saw over 7,400 indigent patients during the Lion year of 2017-2018. Since the beginning of ALS the Lions of Alabama have served more than 400,000 in its 74 years. The Lions are providing advance eye care and surgeries to the underserved residents of Alabama.

The Mobile Eye Screening Units of Alabama Lions Sight screened more than 15,000 children and adults during the same time. The screening vans provide basic and advance screening through the Plusoptix for both adults and children. We are available for screenings in schools, churches, health fairs, and community gatherings throughout Alabama.

The Mobile Eye Clinic now in its second year of operation has conducted complete dilated eye exams for more than 3,500 patients and provided more than 2,500 pairs of eye glasses. The growing senior population is presenting even a greater need to reaching out to poor and underserved in the rural counties of the Black Belt and Appalachian Region counties in Alabama. ALS partners with Kid One to transport individual needing advanced eye care at Callahan Eye Hospital and other locations. ALS maintains a variety of partnerships with eye care professionals that serves the needy of Alabama.

The Lions of Alabama answered the challenge of Helen Keller in 1924 to be “Knights of the Blind.” In Helen’s world of darkness someone needed to step up and champion the cause of the blind. Alabama Lions seeing the needs of others as our opportunity to serve them formed Alabama Lions Sight in 1944. Lions are the driving force in not only providing eye care but in the club’s financial support of ALS through club donations averaging over \$130,000.00 a year. What a heart of service the Lions have. No club is too small and no donation is too small. Your financial support and volunteerism is what enables us to fulfill the Lions motto, “We Serve”.

Yours in Service!

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