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“Live in the moment, and make it so beautiful, that it will be worth remembering”

– Fanny Crosby



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Fanny Crosby, blind at infancy, lived a remarkable life, effecting the world well after her death that lives on even today. She refused to be treated as unable to learn and function. She is most remembered for her poems and songs. She contributed perhaps more songs than anyone else to Christian music. You may recognize her phrase put to music, “rescue the perishing, care for the dying.” Check out your hymnal and see the songs with her as the author. Though blind, two very incredible women, Helen Keller and Fanny Crosby, had such vision

to bring our world into focus.

It is such a pleasure to serve as Lions and be involved among the many service initiatives in the field of vision care. The Alabama Lions are truly committed to caring for the vision health of people. While we resist change in many respects, some changes are forced upon us and others are decision made for what is best. Lions adapt to new methods and ideas that enable us to bring about greater services to our communities.

COVID-19 Pandemic caused a pause in Lions vision screening activities throughout the state since March. But Lions will be adapting to new protocols with the state-of-the-art equipment to get back into service! Resuming screening services will be directed to protecting the health and safety of children and adults, as well as those Lions performing the screening. At the present, ALS does not have any clubs scheduling screenings as we all wait and see how schools resume this school year. ALS will be putting into place new guidelines for our screeners and clubs participating. We are currently gathering all recommendations from Lions KidSight USA Foundation and others to train our screeners and Lions going forward.

I am pleased to report that the Mobile Eye Clinic has resumed operations. Likewise, Dr. Daum and staff have new protocols in place for all concerned. The MEC has begun a new pilot



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program utilizing a handheld fundus camera device that will be a game changer. It could expand our services in rural Alabama significantly through telehealth.

What a difference in our lives in a short span of time has brought upon each of us. Yet, what an opportunity as Lions for us to not only continue our services but to expand and develop new ways to make our communities a better place to live. It is great to be a Lion!

We Serve!

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