



# Executive Director Message

**“It’s not the years in your life that count; it’s the life in your years”**

**Abraham Lincoln**



**Durden Dean  
Executive Director**

In the 2017-18 Lion year the Alabama Lions Eye Clinic at the UAB Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital in Birmingham served the eye care needs of over 7,400 poor and indigent patients from throughout Alabama.

In addition to the surgeries and advanced eye care, we have performed over 13,000 eye screenings for children and 4,000 adults throughout Alabama over the last 12 months. Our new Mobile Eye Clinic has served over 3,200 patients with comprehensive eye exams, glasses and transportation to Callahan for eye surgeries and advanced eye care

In 1924 Helen Keller challenged Lions to be “Knights of the Blind” and admonished us to work together to accomplish great things in her now famous saying “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much”.

As we come to the end of the Lions year on June 30, I appeal to you and your fellow club members to support the great work we do on behalf of the Lions of Alabama at Alabama Lions Sight and the Lions Eye Clinic by making a yearend contribution.

Alabama Lions Sight has revived the “Founders Award” plaque where-by your Lions Club or individual will be presented a beautiful plaque and their name posted on the “Wall of Honor” at Callahan Eye Hospital for a contribution of \$500.00 or more to Alabama Lions Sight. We have inaugurated a new, club / individual recognition award called the “Helen Keller Legacy Award” with a beautiful plaque for the Lions Club or individual that contributes \$1,000.00 or more to Alabama Lions Sight. The Lions Club or individual will also be recognized on the “Wall of Honor” at Callahan.

Alabama Lions Sight is “Your” organization and it is through your financial support, volunteer support and prayers that we are able to fulfill the Lions motto and mission that “We Serve”



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It is our sincere hope to have 100% participation from Lions Clubs throughout Alabama in financially supporting the mission of Alabama Lions Sight. No contribution is too small in serving the eye care needs of the poor and indigent in Alabama!

For those of you that have already contributed to Alabama Lions Sight this year, THANK YOU! For those clubs that have not yet contributed, please give prayerful consideration to our plea.

As Abraham Lincoln said in his famous quote, it's not how long you live, but what you do with the years that you are blessed with that count! Lions have a servant's heart; make the most of every minute, hour, day, week and year!

Yours in Lionism,

Sincerely,

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Lion W. Durden Dean  
Executive Director