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“I appeal to you, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are brave and strong and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND in this crusade against darkness?”

Helen Keller



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Executive Director

Alabama Lions Sight and UAB Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital welcomes new residents!

Alabama Lions Sight is excited about our five new residents in the Ophthalmology program at Callahan that will be with us for the next three years. The residents have already completed their medical training and are fully fledged Medical Doctors (MD's) but have decided to continue their training to specialize in the treatment of the eye.

At any given time we have 15 residents in the residency program with the first year doctors manning the Lions Eye Clinic and emergency room at Callahan which is one of only three 24 hour, 7 days a week emergency eye trauma hospitals in the United States.

The first year is a grueling year for the 5 new residents as they are on call the entire year covering the ER and Lions Eye Clinic as well as getting practical experience at Children's Hospital, Cooper Green hospital and the VA hospital which is located next to Callahan.

Each year Alabama Lions Sight, along with the Eye Sight Foundation and the International Retinal Foundation, host a reception for all 15 residents and their families. Alabama Lions Sight uses the occasion to present the five new residents with a monogrammed doctor's bag, a book written by Dr. Callahan on the history of the hospital and present them with a Plexiglas plaque with the Helen Keller quote from the beginning of this article when Helen spoke to the Lions International convention in 1925. We encourage the residents to display the plaque prominently in their office so that it may be a daily inspiration to them in their quest to prevent blindness.

The Lions Eye Clinic at Callahan could not function and offer world class treatment to approx. 5,000 patients a year without the residency program and the dedicated doctors that are being



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trained and those that are doing the training such as Alabama Lions Sight Clinic director and resident supervisor Dr. Russell Read!

Remember, I would love to visit your club and give the members an update on all the great things going on at Callahan and throughout the state by YOUR association, Alabama Lions Sight. Call me at 334-306-4904 or email me at durdendean@yahoo.com

Yours in Lionism,

Sincerely,

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