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## Dr. Weaver to help change 100 lives in 100 minutes

**TALLAHASSEE, FLA.** – In just 100 minutes on April 9, the lives of 100 low-income people in cities and towns across the country will be changed forever as their failing eyesight goes from murky to crystal clarity at all distances with crystalens® cataract-lens implants ... free of charge.

Dr. Tony Weaver of Tallahassee's Eye Associates will be among a select group of ophthalmologists nationwide to participate in this unique program – Changing 100 Lives in 100 Minutes – which not only will dramatically improve patients' eyesight, but also will mean many of them may never need eyeglasses again.

Bausch & Lomb, which manufactures the innovative crystalens intraocular lens for cataracts, will donate 100 pairs of these lenses to cataract patients not covered by private insurance or Medicare. Then, from coast to coast, 100 participating ophthalmologists ... including Weaver ... will perform pro bono implantation surgeries simultaneously during the next hour and 40 minutes.

This national effort will begin promptly at 7:30 a.m. Eastern daylight time with the implantation of the 100,000th crystalens, which uses eye muscles to focus in much the same way as the eye's natural lens. Moreover, while other intraocular lenses are limited to correcting vision at far distances, only crystalens provides clear vision at all distances ... near, intermediate and far.

In 1990, Weaver joined Eye Associates of Tallahassee, 2020 Fleischmann Road, and was the area's first ophthalmologist to be certified to implant crystalens lenses. Dr. Weaver has been listed in the **Best of Tallahassee** edition of Tallahassee Magazine and has a special interest in "No Stitch, No Shot, No Patch Cataract Surgery" with high tech implants.

A diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology and a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, Weaver has worked with the World Lens Project, flying into disadvantaged countries to perform eye surgery. He also participates in Children's Medical Services, Blind Services, Knight's Templar, Lion's Eye and We Care, providing services free of charge for those in need.

"I am so proud to be a part of the Changing 100 Lives in 100 Minutes program. It is an honor to be able to select a resident of Tallahassee and give them the gift of better vision at no cost," says Weaver. "Typically, crystalens lenses are available only as an elective upgrade to conventional lenses paid for by government programs or private insurance. The crystalens has been an extraordinary success, and we wanted to help share this wonderful technology with people who usually couldn't afford it."

The crystalens design is based on the human eye and uses the eye muscle to focus on objects at all distances. It is the only such intraocular lens approved by the FDA and is the only lens to use the eye's natural focusing ability. Few crystalens patients have experienced problems with night vision, halos or glare.

For more details about the crystalens Changing 100 Lives in 100 Minutes program or Bausch & Lomb, visit [www.Bausch.com](http://www.Bausch.com)