We are all inspired by the wonder of vision for it creates the memories of yesterday, the beauty of today, and the dreams of tomorrow.

The Language of Sight Society is the philanthropic arm of the Leland and Betty Tollett Retinal and Ocular Genetics Center. A $500 gift or more will qualify for membership and your name will be included in the annual report. An individual or family gift of $100,000 or more will be recognized on the center’s donor wall as a Founder Member.

The Importance of Genetics
The directors of the NIH and the NEI have characterized genetics as follows: “We are on the leading edge of a true revolution in medicine, one that promises to transform the traditional one size fits all approach into a much more powerful strategy that considers each individual as unique and as having special characteristics that should guide an approach to staying healthy.”

To learn more about how you can help support the Leland and Betty Tollett Retinal and Ocular Genetics Center and other ways to support the Jones Eye Institute, please contact Meredith Fraser at (501) 526-8166 or by e-mail at mgfraser@uams.edu.
WHY AN OCULAR GENETICS CENTER?

Scientists are now peering into the molecular basis of a multitude of diseases to include macular degeneration, glaucoma, and childhood blindness. In fact, we have learned that most eye conditions have a genetic component.

The Leland and Betty Tollett Retinal and Ocular Genetics Center will position the Jones Eye Institute and UAMS on the cutting edge of this new, exciting field.

LELAND AND BETTY TOLLETT RETINAL AND OCULAR GENETICS CENTER

Thanks to the generous gifts of Leland and Betty Tollett and the Willard & Pat Walker Charitable Foundation, the Jones Eye Institute is moving into a new frontier by opening an Ocular Genetics Center on the eighth floor. This new center will include diagnostic and treatment space, an area for low vision clinic and rehabilitation, clinical research and database facilities. The opening of this center is a step into the future of health care in Arkansas and the region.

CENTER’S GOALS

• To provide Arkansans and the region, with the latest diagnostic, therapeutic, and educational resources.
• To participate in the elucidation of the mystery of the genome through basic and clinical research.
• To educate the next generation of health care providers.
• To establish and manage a broad genetic database.