

Helen Keller Memorial at Ivy Green in Tuscumbia, AL

To honor Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan, the Tuscumbia Lions Club, with help from other Lions Clubs and sources, is raising money to erect a life-size statue of Helen and Anne at Ivy Green, the birthplace of Helen Keller, in Tuscumbia.

We are seeking donations, from civic clubs and other organizations, businesses, industries, and individuals to help us create this memorial.

"Alone we can do so little.

Together we can do so much."

- Helen Keller

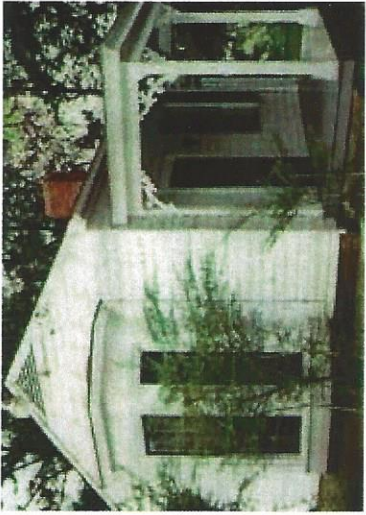


Your support in helping us complete this wonderful project is greatly appreciated.

Mail donations small or large to:

Helen Keller Memorial Fund
c/o Johnny Tuten PDG
1004 N. Cave St.
Tuscumbia, AL 35674





The Cottage at Ivy Green - Tuscumbia, Alabama

Picture is courtesy of Ivy Green Birthplace

Ivy Green

In Northwest Alabama stands an aging shrine, Ivy Green, whose tremendous impact on people around the world has proven immeasurable. This shrine is located in the small town of Tuscumbia, Alabama, and was the childhood home of the individual who spoke her first word, "water", at the famous pump. At the present time the house and grounds are undergoing restoration and modernization. The story of Helen Keller and Ivy Green has made a difference for all those who are challenged learners and the researchers and teachers who work to assist them.

Ivy Green continues to serve as a resource for education, inspiration and functions as a museum and repository of rare, irreplaceable museum objects, including original clothes, toys, personal mementos and unique artifacts donated in her honor. Ivy Green is on the National Register of Historic Places and is filled with original furniture. On display in the main house and museum is a complete library of Braille books and an original Braille typewriter.

History of Lions and Helen Keller

At an historic Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, in 1925, in an address to the Lions, Helen Keller challenged the attendees to become the Knights of the Blind in the battle to prevent preventable blindness. In her famous speech she asked,

"Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?"

(Helen Keller, 1925 International Convention, Cedar Point, Ohio USA June 30, 1925)

Melvin Jones created the Lions organization in 1917 but the inspiration for the Lions impetus that caused it to be what it is today was Helen Keller's challenge in 1925. From that date to now, the primary mission of the Lions of the world has been to prevent blindness. Lions and citizens around the world now have the opportunity to honor Helen Keller's challenge to become Knights of the Blind.

Many have already contributed to the memorial and Knights of the Blind Walk, will you join with them to complete the project?



Knights of the Blind Walk

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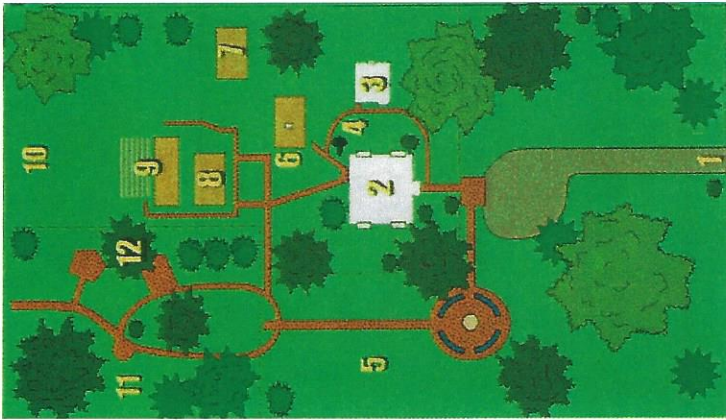
Ivy Green

Helen Keller's Birthplace



Knights of the Blind Walk
Lions Memorial Garden
Tuscumbia, Alabama

Map of Ivy Green Estate



1. Entrance
2. The Main House
3. The Cottage
4. The Pump
5. Lions Club Memorial
6. Kitchen/ Cooks Quarters
7. Restroom for theatre productions
8. Office & Gift Shop
9. Outdoor Theatre
10. Parking area for *The Miracle Worker*

District I Garden Club

11. The Clearing
12. The Moon Tree

Dear Lions and Friends

Helen Keller was the inspiration for the Lion's club to adopt sight conservation world wide. Please join Districts 34 and 46 in establishing a Knight of the Blind Walk in memory of Helen Keller at Ivy Green, her birthplace, in Tuscumbia, Alabama. The miracle at Ivy Green extends far beyond its location in a small Alabama town. Standing at the well one can visualize the opened window of communication to young Helen's mind that has caused Lions worldwide to devote time and effort to eye care and the reduction of blindness.

The Lions invite everyone to join with them in the building of the walkway as a tribute to the sightless.



Alabama Lions Fountain at Ivy Green

Lions around the world;

Now is the time to honor Helen Keller for her inspiration to all people of the world and to fulfill her challenge to the Lions to become Knights of the Blind.

For donations of \$100.00 the name of a person, or club will be engraved on a brick and installed on the walk. All donations will be used to complete the walk or improve and maintain the Ivy Green Estate.

For a donation to the Knights of the Blind Walk, please complete and mail the information below.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

Zip _____

Country _____

Lions Club _____

District# _____

Inscription _____

Amount enclosed _____ USD

Make Check Payable and Mail to:

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 Knights of the Blind Walk
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