



Lawrence B. Katzen, M.D.

During the past two decades, renowned eye surgeon and native Floridian, Lawrence Katzen, M.D. has helped thousands of men and women enjoy improved vision through advanced microsurgical procedures. As Medical Director and Chief Surgeon of The Katzen Eye Center & Laser Center, he belongs to an exclusive inner circle of international surgeons who perform over 1000 microsurgical procedures each year. He was among the first eye surgeons in Florida to have his own vision corrected through LASIK.

Dr. Katzen was also among the first surgeons in South Florida to offer his patients the convenience and cost-saving benefits of an Excimer laser center within a private practice setting. His state-of-the-art laser center offers patients the latest Excimer laser technology for the treatment of nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism.

Dr. Katzen is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Medicine and his fellowship trained in oculoplastic surgery. He is a Voluntary Assistant Professor at the prestigious Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and is a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology. Dr. Katzen is also an active member of the American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgeons, and has served as Chief of Ophthalmology at JFK Medical Center and Vice President of the Palm Beach County Ophthalmological Society.

He resides in West Palm Beach with his wife, Jane, and enjoys traveling and outdoor activities with his family.

Dr. Katzen is one of the founding members of the Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation. He presently serves as Vice-President for the Board of Directors. Dr. & Mrs. Katzen funded the rights to utilize the SunSmart Australian Curriculum in the United States. This is what we now know as SunSmart America™.

Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation

Our Mission: The mission of the Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation is to save lives through education about the prevention and early detection of skin cancer, especially melanoma.

Our Vision: The Foundation's vision is *"to educate children throughout the country and give them the skills necessary to make healthy sun safety choices throughout their lives."* As the Foundation grows we will continue to advocate for school districts throughout the country to require sun safety education as part of their curriculum.

The Overview of the Foundation: The Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation was started in 1995 after Richard Kann died at age 44 of a late detected melanoma. Family and friends formed an organization to help the local and national community prevent and detect skin cancer early.

The Melanoma Foundation is one of the first organizations in the country that has been on the cutting edge of skin cancer preventive education and the only organization in Florida. After extensive review of health education literature, the Foundation selected the successful SunSmart curricula from Australia on which to base its many programs and adapt to local educational standards and environment. The Foundation utilizes SunSmart America™ for grades K-12.

The Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation has educated hundreds of thousands of students, families, staff, and communities, to make critical sun safe choices for healthy lives. We have presented in public and private schools, community groups, professional associations, and businesses, in Palm Beach County and throughout the state of Florida.

Melanoma and other skin cancers are almost 100% preventable and curable if detected and treated early. The Foundation's goal is to educate the public so that no other family suffers a loss of a loved one from skin cancer.

More Information visit our website at: <http://melanomafoundation.com/>