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Free LASIK

Quads' frustrations over fumbling with eyeglasses and contacts are being eased by famous television ophthalmologist, Dr. Robert Maloney. Maloney, the exclusive refractive surgeon on ABC's *Extreme Makeover*, participated on a committee within the American Academy of Ophthalmology that created a program to give free LASIK surgery to quadriplegics.

"To many people, glasses are a nuisance. But for quadriplegics, glasses can be a constant source of aggravations," says Maloney. "With

LASIK or vision correction surgery, a quadriplegic can be free from the need for someone to help them with their glasses, making their day-to-day lives a little easier." The international program—Focus on Independence—consists of seven doctors who volunteer their time. Clinics participating in the United States are in various locations across the country, including California and Kansas.

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