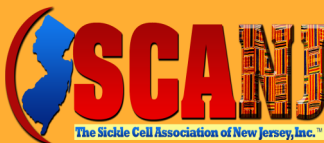


Sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disorder. People with sickle cell disease have red blood cells that become hard which can cause anemia, pain and many other serious health problems. Your involvement makes the difference in overcoming this disease.



Calendar Listings:

OCTOBER

5th Town Hall on Obamacare.
Bethany Baptist Church. 275 W. Market Street. Newark 2pm-5pm

19th Oldies But Goodies Dance
hosted by Melvin Searcy in appreciation for his wife, Marie.
8pm-until Upper Room 19 Littleton Ave in Newark. For information or tickets call 862-262-0168

21st Tune into the Steve Harvey Morning Show for a special feature on sickle cell disease with our SCDAA Ambassador, Kier Junior Spates.

IT'S TIME FOR SCANJ's



Friday the 25th 5:00PM to Saturday the 26th 5:00PM Host New Jersey City University, Jersey City.
November

23rd SCANJ's Statewide Sickle Cell Symposium 8:30am-2:30pm
Liberty Science Center, Jersey City.

Register online
or call 973 482-9070.

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A Note From The Executive Director



Mary Bentley LaMar, Founder & Executive Director of the SCANJ at Strikes for Sickle Cell, bowling with Santonio Holmes, NY JETS wide receiver and Founder of the Third and Long Foundation

SCANJ finished September, Sickle Cell Awareness Month, with a whirlwind of happenings...

On Monday, September 23rd we had a blast bowling with the NY JETS. SCANJ was on hand to raise sickle cell awareness and to enjoy a fantastic evening as guests of Santonio Holmes, his fellow players and fans.



Ayoola being interviewed for JETS TV

Stay tuned for JETS TV. They will air a television segment on the Strikes for Sickle Cell event. I'm proud of Ayoola Oguniyimika. Ayoola gave her first television interview as the SCANJ Teen Ambassador on JETS TV. She did a stellar job. I was also interviewed and shared facts about sickle cell disease.

On Tuesday we were off on our Annual Road Trip. The SCDAA national convention in Baltimore Maryland was our destination. I'm thrilled that we were able to support several New Jerseyans' attendance, lodging and registration for the convention including our Teen Ambassador, Ayoola and her Mom and Dad, Mr. and Mrs. Oguniyimika. And this year, we had additional scholarship support for the convention from the SCDAA national office. Thanks SCDAA! Membership does have it's privileges!

The convention continued through Friday September 27th. SCANJ advocates were at the convention learning, sharing and interacting with researchers, health care professionals, advocates and families from all over the country. Among the offerings were community based programs, clinical and research updates and best practices, public health issues, advocacy and a live webcast on BET of the *Lonzie Lee*

Jones Patient Advocacy Symposium. SCDAA Celebrity Ambassador, Kier "Junior" Spates, along with the other panelists, kept everyone's spirits up while speaking to the realities of living with the disease.

I was honored to present on our Chronic Disease Self Management Workshops and serve as a co-moderator with Dr. Lennette Benjamin for a plenary session. In addition SCANJ had a poster presentation titled "POP" Powered on Partnerships. It featured the great partners who support our mission. Yes...that would be you.

Next on the agenda is the 24 Seven Line Dance Marathon (pg. 2). We're counting on you to make New Jersey City University THE place to be October 25-26th.

If you have never attended, now is your chance to turn that around, step it down and do the *Sickle Cell Stomp*. If dancing is not your thing, we have plenty of other activities to keep you engaged. It's all in fun, for funds to support our mission. I'm excited!

~Mary



NEWSFLASH!! SCANJ's 1st Statewide Sickle Cell Symposium at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City. We've just confirmed that **Wanda Whitten Shurney MD, CEO and Medical Director of the SCDAA-Michigan Chapter and pediatric hematologist at Children's Hospital of Detroit, will give the Keynote Address.** Hear the latest developments in sickle cell disease. The symposium includes workshops on clinical updates, research findings, emergency room pain management, genetics, transitioning from pediatric to adult care and more. Registration includes continental breakfast, a Lunch and Learn, museum admission, and a feature presentation from New York's Big Apple Playback Theatre Company. More details to follow...

Be Sure To Register Early!

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