

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.



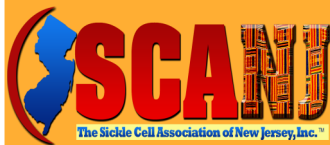
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# Say It Loud!

September 2014

Sickle Cell News You Can Use

The Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey



## Calendar Listings:

### September

1st *Mission Day* Five Year Anniversary The Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey

5th American Red Cross Blood Drive Macedonia Baptist Church, Lakewood

6th SCDA National Walk in Baltimore MD. SCANJ's Walk the Talk Team and others representing New Jersey



6th Community Health Day Pi Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority helps raise SCD awareness in Morristown

13th-14th National Bone Marrow Transplant Information Network Survivorship Symposium. Hilton Meadowlands, East Rutherford, NJ. [www.bmtinfonet.org/midatlantic2014](http://www.bmtinfonet.org/midatlantic2014)

15th SCD Research Conference Four Seasons Hotel, NYC 8:00am-5:00pm [scdconference.com](http://scdconference.com)

19-20th The 24 Seven Line Dance Marathon for Sickle Cell Disease.

29th American Red Cross Blood Drive in cooperation with Delta Sigma Theta South Jersey Alumnae Chapter 9:00am-2:00pm Glassboro

30th Take Control of Your Health Workshop. 10:30am Lawrenceville.

SCANJ is the New Jersey Chapter of the



Sickle Cell Disease Association of America



**Mary Bentley LaMar**  
Founder  
Executive Director

September is Sickle Cell Awareness Month. The summer, brought us success with the Sickle Cellabration in June. At that event we awarded over \$2000.00 in scholarships and book stipends to students for their higher education. The 2014 Frances T. Walton Scholar is Ashley Faulcon. Honorable Mention Scholars are: Stephanie Carter, Madaline Torto, Robert Ingram, Brenee Williams, Maude Sutherland and Osita Mgbenei.

Another successful event over the summer was the Kente Carpet Movie Night.

### September is Sickle Cell Awareness Month

Thanks to all who took an awareness packet to help us "Say It Loud!" We began the Movie Night with over 100# Awareness packets that included 500# posters and 2500# brochures. All were distributed.

Please do your part by sharing the awareness materials as appropriate throughout the community. Call our office if you would like a packet mailed to you. You can also pick up packets at the 24 Seven Line Dance Marathon.

We're asking for your support for the 24 Seven Line Dance Marathon. The event is our major fundraiser and supports many programs that are not covered by grants; such as scholarships, family emergency assistance and operating expenses.

And thanks to Douglas Hawkins of Step 4 Step. He will lead us in much of the dancing lessons.

In addition to line dancing, there are lots of activities within the 24 Seven to keep you engaged and informed (see below). It's all to support the fight against sickle cell disease. Register Today!

Keep in mind that you can stay for all, or part of the 24 Seven. Or, if you prefer, simply make a donation.

### SCANJ Mission Statement

*In concordance with the mission of The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America; "to advocate for and enhance our membership's ability to improve the quality of health, life and services for individuals, families and communities affected by sickle cell disease and related conditions, while promoting the search for a cure for all people in the world with sickle cell disease."*

**See you at the 24 Seven!**  
Get in there! Yeah Yeah!!

## Get on Your Mark! The Line Dance Marathon Starts at 5:00PM

**Why the 24 Seven?** Since birth, individuals with sickle cell disease have this inherited potentially life threatening blood disorder, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week and currently there is no universal cure.

The funds raised will benefit families served by the SCANJ. Below is a partial listing of what we have been able to accomplish:

- Host the first Statewide Sickle Cell Symposium
- Sponsor families to attend SCD conferences
- Provide emergency non-medical financial support
- Establish the Poster Child/Teen Ambassador Program
- Honor individuals and organizations for service
- Provide scholarships
- Present at scientific conferences on SCD awareness
- Raise awareness in national broadcast media, social media and in the community.

We are working 24 Seven to make a difference in the quality of life for individuals living with sickle cell disease.

~That's why we 'wobble baby!'

## 24<sup>ANNUAL</sup> Seven line dance marathon

**24 HOURS 7 EVENTS**

**RAISING FUNDS & AWARENESS FOR SICKLE CELL DISEASE!**

FRIDAY SEPT. 19, AT 5:00PM TO SATURDAY SEPT. 20, 2014 AT 5:00PM

**FEATURING:**  
COMEDIANS • LINE DANCE LESSONS • FOOD MOVIES • LUNCH & LEARN • GAMES AND MORE

**FOR INFORMATION TO REGISTER OR DONATE GO TO:**  
[WWW.SICKLECELLNEWJERSEY.ORG](http://WWW.SICKLECELLNEWJERSEY.ORG)  
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**SCANJ thanks Newark's Barnabas Health for funding support for Movie Night.**



On August 29th, over 100 attendees enjoyed dinner and the movie FROZEN; created SCD PSA's and left equipped to raise Sickle Cell Awareness!



**Shout out to our volunteers;** Kay Diene Robinson, Claudine Robinson, Martha Barnwell, Nancy Prowell, Mariana Garcia and Temeka Adams. Also, Ayoola Ogunyimika, our Teen Spokesperson and her parents, Olu and Labake and SCANJ Board VP Darlene Young and her Dad. You made it come together. Special thanks to Dawan Tyson and his staff of Sui Generis Catering for an outstanding job!

**And last, but not least, thanks to Ediom Utuk** for chairing this event and coordinating the film crew and PSA production. **GREAT WORK!**

### **Coming Soon:**

**Register Now to Attend:**

**October 1st-4th SCDA National Convention & SCANJ Road Trip to Baltimore, MD.** To apply for SCANJ Road Trip Scholarships (for individuals with sickle cell disease and/or caregivers) call us or apply via the events page of our website.

**November 22, STATEWIDE Sickle Cell Symposium 8:30am-2:00pm** at the Liberty Science Center (Jersey City)

**December 11th Holiday Party South with Kenta Klaus** (Cherry Hill)

**December 12th Holiday Party Central with Kenta Klaus** (location TBA)

**December 13th, Holiday Party North with Kenta Klaus** (Montclair)