

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:

JUNE 5th Connections Support Group. Tuesday 7:00pm –8:30pm Cedarbrook Elementary School 1049 Central Ave in Plainfield.

5th American Red Cross Sickle Cell Blood Drive. 4:00pm-8:00pm Hosted by the Central Jersey Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Cedarbrook Elementary 1049 Central Ave in Plainfield.



9th Liberty State Park. Jersey City, NJ. 9:00am. Support SCANJ's "Walk the Talk Team." and visit our SC Awareness booth.

16th Second Baptist Church 3rd Annual Health Fair and Fun Day. 258 Wesley St. Salem, NJ

21st, 22nd, 25th & 26th Diabetes Self Management 4 Day Peer Leader Certification 9:30am-4:30pm 1016 Broad St. Newark



23rd 10:00am-2:00pm. Funplex in Mount Laurel

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

REGISTER via the events tab on sicklecellnewjersey.org or call 973 482-9070

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Take Time To Reflect on World Sickle Cell Disease Day



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As we continue to advocate for New Jersey residents with sickle cell disease and their families, it's important to remember that the condition affects people around the world. And it's a growing concern. A 2013 study by UK and Canadian researchers predicted that worldwide by 2050 about 400,000 babies will be born with sickle cell disease each year. Countries in sub-Saharan Africa, where the disease is most common, will be the hardest hit.

On Saturday June 23, 2018, SCANJ will join others around the globe to commemorate World Sickle Cell Disease Day (June 19th). We will host a Sickle Cellabration with a World Festival of fun, food and learning where there will be activities for the young and the young at heart. We will also award the Frances Thompson Walton Scholarships and select

SCANJ Mission Statement

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.

the 2018-2019 New Jersey Sickle Cell Child and Teen Ambassadors. Make sure that you RSVP.

As we move forward, I look back with gratitude. On that note, I thank our volunteers who came out to help raise awareness and register voters during the Univer-Soul Circus run-Dominique Goodson, Kay Diene Robinson, Alexis Harkley, Amanda Koon, Akil Prowell and Kendi Prowell. And thanks to SCANJ staff, Darlene Young and Sakiyyah Burwell-Darden. SCANJ is stronger with your dedication and commitment. Blessings flow. . .

~Mary

A Sickle Cellabration Heard Around The World!

Here's what others around the world have done or plan to do on World Sickle Cell Disease Day: In Nigeria, the Coalition of Sickle Cell NGOs (nongovernment organizations) is organizing a charity walk with the theme "SCD: Walk for Hope." The walk will bring together people to advocate for the recognition of SCD as a major public health problem in Nigeria, where 1 in 4 people has sickle cell trait and more than 150,000 babies with SCD are born annually.

The Sickle Cell Disease Association of Canada is taking action by setting up blood drives throughout the country. Potential donors can go online to register.

Last year on World Sickle Cell Day in Guyana, citizens were urged to petition their Members of Parliament to introduce and pass the Sickle Cell Treatment Act, which calls for routine sickle cell screening of all newborns within one week of birth.

In 2016, the African and Caribbean Women's Association (ACWA) in Glasgow, Scotland held an awareness event featuring guest speakers. Scotland had 210 patients with sickle cell in 2015, up from 58 in 2005.

In London, students from the Palmer Catholic Academy held an awareness day where children and staff paid £1 to come to school without being required to wear their uniforms. Sickle cell disease affects 14,500 people in England.

In 2015, The Saudi Arabia Ministry of Health organized a series of workshops, lectures and awareness campaigns on the treatment of sickle cell disease at primary health care centers and shopping malls. In 2015, ministry officials reported that 145,750 people in the country had sickle cell disease.

On World Sickle Cell Disease Day in 2015, Jamaica's Minister of Health was a featured speaker at an awareness event. He announced that by 2018 his goal was for all pregnant women and newborns to be screened for sickle cell, for treatment guidelines to be completed and published, and for 90 percent of healthcare workers to be trained in the management of sickle cell disease.

In 2015, medical personnel from the Aga Khan, Moi Teaching and Referral and Homabay County hospitals in Nairobi, Kenya offered free screening, consultation and treatment. According to the University of Nairobi Health Services, SCD affects about two per cent of newborns in western Kenya and parts of the coastal region. About 60 to 80 per cent of those children die before their fifth birthday.

What are you doing to commemorate World Sickle Cell Disease Day? When you raise your voice, it can make a difference. Let the world hear you!

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Connections Support Group



Meetings on the first
Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM. South Jersey location in
the odd numbered months. North Jersey location in the even
numbered months i.e., February, April, June, October and
December

June Topic: World Sickle Cell Disease Day

This month's meeting is Tuesday June 5th at Cedarbrook
Elementary School, 1049 Central Ave in Plainfield. For
more information and to RSVP you may register online via our
events tab or call Darlene Young at 862 371-7138.

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INVITES YOU TO COMMEMORATE

WORLD SICKLE CELL DISEASE DAY

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SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd
 3320-24 NJ-38 Mt. Laurel
10:00AM-2:00PM

A World Festival of fun and learning for the whole family.
Frances T. Walton Scholarships awarded.
International Luncheon. Selection of the
New Jersey Sickle Cell Child and Teen Ambassadors.
Register today for this **FREE** event

SUPPORT SCANJ's WALK THE TALK TEAM BY JOINING OUR TEAM

CANTON WATERFRONT PARK BALTIMORE, MD

2018
Walk With The Stars
Benefiting Sickle Cell Disease Association of America
August 18th, 2018

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VAN VLECK GARDENS MONTCLAIR, NJ

Enjoy the Gardens prior to the Movie in support of our virtual Walk Team
September 8th, 2018


Kente Carpet MOVIES
Under the Stars
WELCOME!

Coming Soon...

August 18th SCDAA Walk
with the Stars! Donate to
SCANJ's Walk the Talk team
www.sicklecellnationalwalk.org

September Sickle Cell Awareness Month

September 4th Connections
Support Group South. JFK
Center in Willingboro.

8th Kente Carpet Movies
Under The Stars Garden Stroll
and Walk in Montclair

29th American Red Cross
SCD Awareness Blood Drive
in partnership with the Buffalo
Soldiers Motorcycle Club.
Calvary Baptist Church in
Morristown

October 10-13th SCDAA
Convention, Baltimore MD.

Stay posted for
The 24 SEVEN Line Dance
Marathon and the Statewide
Sickle Cell Symposium