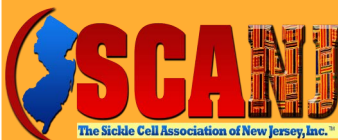


Sickle cell disease is the most common inherited blood disorder in the USA. People with sickle cell disease have red blood cells that become hard, cause anemia, pain and many other serious health problems. Your involvement makes the difference in overcoming this disease.



Calendar Listings for SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH

1st SCANJ Mission Day

The 9th anniversary of the founding of The Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey.

1st Central Jersey Blood Center Drive. Hosted by The Chosen Ones. Location Harvest Multiplex Center, 43 Washington St. in Irvington, NJ. 11:00am-4:00pm

4th Connections Support Group
Tuesday 7:00pm –8:30pm Topic: *Feed Me. Heal Me.* JFK Center 429 JFK Parkway. Willingboro, NJ

8th SCANJ's Garden Walk/Stroll and Kente Carpet Movies Under The Stars. 5pm the fun begins. Van Vleck House 21 Van Vleck St.



Montclair, NJ Register today!

12th Chronic Disease Self Management Program (CDSMP) Workshop. Wednesdays for 6 weeks at NBCS 1016 Broad St., Newark NJ. 6:00pm -8:00pm. RSVP.

15th Donna T. Darrien Memorial Foundation Walk for SCD. 8:30am. Weequahic Park in Newark, NJ. www.dtsickleccl.org

29th American Red Cross SC Awareness Blood Drive & Cook Out, hosted by North Jersey Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club and Calvary Baptist Church. Donations for the cook out benefit the SCANJ. Calvary Baptist Church 10 MLK Drive in Morristown, NJ 10am-3:00pm.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED



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SCANJ's Mission Day Marks the Start of Sickle Cell Awareness Month!



Mary Bentley LaMar
Founder
Executive Director

Did you know that the Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey (SCANJ) was founded on September 1, 2009?

Each year we commemorate this historical marker as "SCANJ Mission Day" and call on everyone for a renewed commitment to support our cause.

Prior to 2009, I was involved in a national campaign that raised awareness about sickle cell disease. I had the privilege of working with amazing community based organizations around the country. It was their example that inspired me to bring that same dedication and commitment to the New Jersey sickle cell community and that led to the founding of the SCANJ.

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.

I am thrilled that we are entering our 9th year of service. Please join us in our mission as we continue to offer programs that make a difference in the lives of those who live with sickle cell disease.

As you read this newsletter, find things to tell someone else and extend our invitation to come out for our Annual Garden Walk/Stroll and Movies Under The Stars. Your support helps us to put our mission into action.

~Mary

The History Of September As Sickle Cell Awareness Month

The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDAA) is proud to have spearheaded the establishment of September as National Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

The observance originated in 1975 when the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease (NASCD) (which changed its name to Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. in 1994) and its member organizations began conducting month-long events to raise awareness about sickle cell disease and the need to address the problem at national and local levels.

The persistent efforts by the SCDAA to have Sickle Cell Month officially recognized at all levels succeeded in 1983 when the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed the resolution, introduced by the Congressional Black Caucus, asking President Reagan to designate September as "National Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month." The President signed the resolution in August, 1983.

Since that time, individuals and organizations around the world have stepped up their efforts to raise awareness about sickle cell disease.

We ask you to help too by posting on social media to raise awareness and joining our Facebook challenge by making an appeal to your FB friends to donate to the SCANJ. We look forward to hearing your voice as we Say It Loud! for Sickle Cell Disease!

SCAwarenessMonth #Awareness #Advocate #SCANJ

SCANJ is the
New Jersey Chapter of the



Sickle Cell Disease Association
of America

Some facts you can share to raise awareness...

- **Sickle Cell Disease is the most prevalent inherited blood disorder in the United States.**
- **Sickle Cell Disease can occur in any race or ethnic group, including Caucasians.**
- **One in every 10-12 African-Americans carry the sickle cell trait.**
- **Sickle Cell trait is not the disease and will not develop into the disease**
- **New Jersey has over 6000 individuals living with Sickle Cell Disease.**
- **The United States has over 100,000 effected by Sickle Cell Disease and millions are effected worldwide.**
- **By sharing this information you are an advocate for Sickle Cell Disease.**

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FEATURING
BLACK PANTHER**

5PM SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH 2018

BRING A BLANKET OR CHAIR

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RAIN DATE TBA

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21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair, NJ

IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL SCDAW WALK WITH THE STARS

WALK TEAMS FORMING NOW • SICKLE CELL AWARENESS • BOOKS • POSTERS • REFRESHMENTS



Coming Soon...

OCTOBER

2nd Tuesday Connections
Support Group North 1016 Broad
St. Newark. 7pm-8:30pm.

10-13th SCDAW Convention
Baltimore, Maryland. Hyatt
Regency Hotel. SCANJ to present
on PCORI Project. To register for
the convention visit
www.sicklecelldisease.org

NOVEMBER TBA

Teams forming now for our
Facebook fundraising campaign.

24th Annual
reven
line dance marathon

