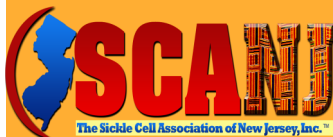


Sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disorder. People with sickle cell disease have red blood cells that become hard which can cause anemia, pain and many other serious health problems. Your involvement makes the difference in overcoming this disease.



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Say It Loud!

December 2012

Sickle Cell News You Can Use

The Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey

Calendar Listings

December

3rd Bowl with NY Jets Antonio Holmes. Monday, 7 PM in Linden. Wait list only or buy tickets via Third and Long Foundation

8th SCANJ Breakfast With Santa at Applebees Saturday, 8:30AM Newark (RSVP closed. Wait list only)

8th SCANJ's December Holiday Party (North) with Kente Klaus and the Dr. Charles F. Whitten Awards - Saturday, 3PM-5PM Van Vleck Mansion 21 Van Vleck St. Montclair. Free for families with SCD. RSVP required

13th SCANJ Holiday Party (South) with Kenta Klaus Thursday 6:00PM-8:00 PM Garden State Discovery Children's Museum. 2040 Springdale Ave in Cherry Hill. Free.

22nd Holiday Party (Central)

In cooperation with the Central and Northern NJ SCD Network (CNNJSCN)/Newark's Barnabas Health.

SCD families may attend any of the three holiday parties, regardless of location. RSVP via eventbrite.com or call 973 482-9070 for SCANJ programs.

January

Take Control of Your Health Workshops resume. Details TBA

The Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey is the New Jersey Chapter of the



Sickle Cell Disease Association of America

Our Holiday Gift To You...



Mary Bentley LaMar
SCANJ Mission

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

This year, SCANJ's Holiday Party Program expands statewide. We'll kick off festivities Saturday, December 8th, with the 3rd Annual

December 8th...

Holiday Party at the Van Vleck House in Montclair. At this joyous occasion, we will honor organizations and individuals who have done outstanding work in the fight against sickle cell disease with the Dr. Charles F. Whitten Awards.

New Jersey Sickle Cell Poster Child, Jimmy Williams, will be on hand to help present the awards. In addition, attendees will enjoy festive games, caroling, Toyland, delicious food, gifts for young and old, and a special appearance by "Kenta Klaus...Santa's brother from another mother."

We'll keep this sleigh moving throughout New Jersey with the **Holiday Party (South) in Cherry Hill on December 13th and the Holiday Party (Central) on December 22nd in Howell (Pg.2).** What I value most about the Holiday Program is the opportunity for families to connect with

available resources and others in the fight against sickle cell disease. And you are invited!

Here's a shout out of thanks to Santonio Holmes' Third and Long Foundation, the National Organization of Black Law Executives North NJ Chapter (NOBLENNJ), Cooper Hospital, Embrace Kids Foundation and the Central & Northern New Jersey Sickle Cell Network/Newark Barnabas Health. Their funding and toy drive support contributes greatly to the success of our Holiday Program.

The parties are free for families affected by sickle cell disease, however, capacity is limited. RSVP via eventbrite.com or give us a call at 973 482-9070.

Warmest Regards...

~Mary

2012...a Very Good Year!

A "first" for SCANJ was providing a live video stream of the 24 Seven Line Dance Marathon. This capability allowed us to increase outreach and have live coverage of our event by NBC TV during their *Weekend Today In New York* broadcast. Perhaps you saw us being interviewed by news anchor, Pat Battle, on Saturday, October 20th.

That live stream broadcast was arranged by the great team at New Jersey City University's (NJCU) Office of Community Service. We had a challenge and thanks to Rob Quinones, and his colleagues at NJCU, they figured it out.

Other "firsts" for SCANJ include:

- Becoming the state chapter of the SCDA.
- Being recognized for having the most attendees at the SCDA convention (SCANJ's Road Trip Program)
- Being granted office space courtesy of Shiloh Baptist Church in Newark (SCANJ's Sickle Cell Sabbath Program)

- Expanding the December Holiday Party Program (SCANJ's Holiday Program with support from Santonio Holmes Third & Long Foundation, CNNJSCN/Barnabas Health, Cooper Hospital, NOBLENNJ & Embrace Kids Foundation)
- Presenting at the SCDA national convention
- Presenting at the Florida Sickle Cell Annual Scientific Meeting
- Being selected as an advocate to attend the American College of Medical Genetics Annual Meeting
- Creating awareness PSA's and Spanish language educational materials. (SCANJ's Say It Loud! Outreach Program with support from NYMAC)

You may notice a common thread... we're accomplishing things with the support of others. We can accomplish even more with your involvement. Perhaps you could volunteer...make a donation or share something you've learned. And that will help us live up to our motto; "SCANJ equals faith with good works..."

2012 Dr. Charles F. Whitten Award Honorees:

Dr. Lori Colyer-Aversa
Outstanding Service by a Health Care Professional

Mrs. Joyce Jones
Outstanding Advocacy

Ms. Margaret Hadnott
Outstanding Volunteer of The Year

The 107.5 WBLS Radio
Outstanding Media Coverage of Sickle Cell Disease

National Organization of Black Law Executives North NJ Chapter (NOBLENNJ)
Outstanding Community Service

Remember the
Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey
for your end of the year giving.



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ONE COMMUNITY ONE CAUSE Campaign...

Text the words **BREAK-NJ** to the number

52000 to donate \$10.00 to support programs, services and research, that help the SCANJ in the fight against sickle cell disease.

Your donation makes a difference. Please text now! A one-time donation of \$10.00 will be added to your mobile phone bill or deducted from your prepaid balance. Donor must be age 18+ and all donations must be authorized by the account holder (e.g. parents). By texting YES, the user agrees to the terms and conditions. All charges are billed by and payable to your mobile service provider. Service is available on most carriers. Donations are collected for the benefit of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America and its member chapters (including the Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey) by the Mobile Giving Foundation and subject to the terms found at www.hmgf.org/t. Message & Data Rates May Apply. You can unsubscribe at anytime by texting STOP to short code 52000; text HELP to 52000 for help.

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Holiday Party Program...



The Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey, Inc.

invites you to our

Holiday Party

And Dr. Charles F. Whitten Awards

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012
FROM 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

at the
VAN VLECK HOUSE & GARDENS
21 VAN VLECK ST., MONTCLAIR, NJ 07042



2012 Pictorial End of The Year Report



The Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey, Inc.

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Holiday Party

South

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012
FROM 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

at the



2040 SPRINGDALE ROAD, CHERRY HILL, NJ 08003

FESTIVE HOLIDAY GAMES CAROLING
TOYLAND DELICIOUS TREATS GIFTS FOR EVERYONE

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY

"Kenta Klaus"

SANTA'S BROTHER FROM ANOTHER MOTHER

And on December 22nd-CNNJSCN Holiday Bowling Party in Howell.

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is published monthly with the exception of the Summer Breeze Edition. Archived copies can be downloaded from our website resource page. —Beverly Lucas-Editor