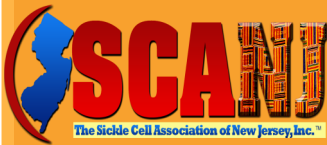


Sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disorder. People with sickle cell disease have red blood cells that become hard which can cause anemia, pain and many other serious health problems. Your involvement makes the difference in overcoming this disease.



Calendar Listings:

December

2nd Giving Tuesday. Please support SCANJ in your year end giving. Donate online or by mail. (page 2)



Join us for the Holiday Parties with Kenta Klaus. Special Thanks to NOBLE our Toyland Sponsors. These parties are FREE for families effected by sickle cell disease. All others are Merry-makers by making a donation of \$25. per adult and \$10.00 per child. RSVP's required via events on www.sicklecellnewjersey.org or call 973 482-9070.

- 11th Holiday Party South in Cherry Hill
- 12th Holiday Party Central in cooperation with Newark's Barnabas Health Adult SCD Center in Bradley Beach
- 13th Holiday Party North in Montclair

January 22, 23, 26 & 27

Chronic Disease Self Management Program (CDSMP) 4 Day Peer Leader Certification Class. 9:30AM to 4:00 PM South New Jersey Location TBA

26th. SCANJ Adopt A Day Make an appointment to donate blood between 12:30pm-7:30pm at the American Red Cross Camden County Blood Donor Center. 5425 Marlton Pike in Pennsauken.

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Seasons Greetings From The Executive Director...



Mary Bentley LaMar
Founder
Executive Director

This has been a great year for the SCANJ. We celebrated our 5th year of operation with increased services and programs for the sickle cell community.

Come and celebrate with us as we close out the year 2014.

We have three Holiday Parties for you to choose from. We would love for you to come.

As we move towards the end of another year, I'm encouraged by the growth in the sickle cell community. We have seen increased research in sickle cell disease. We have a Congressional Sickle Cell Caucus in Washington DC that was formed out of your advocacy. And our agency has seen a rise in advocacy and volunteerism for the cause.

My hope is that all of this translates into better support for individuals affected by sickle cell disease.

During this holiday season I look forward to the day that every season is merry and filled with your hopes realized.

~Mary

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 Symposium Reviews Are In!

"This is my first time and I absolutely love it. It was well organized and very timely." ~Symposium Attendee

On the Saturday before Thanksgiving, over 120 individuals gathered at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City to learn, and to share their talents in the fight against sickle cell disease. Attendees had a choice of 5 workshops, a Youth Research Expedition, 2 panel discussions and a Viewing Room with PSA's on sickle cell disease. To keep everyone energized, we enjoyed breakfast and lunch, and a performance by the Big Apple Playback Theatre Company. And we gave thanks for outstanding work for sickle cell disease by honoring our 2014 Dr. Charles F. Whitten Awardees; Rev. Shelia Hobson; Keema Givens; Kay Robinson; Dr. Jill Menell and Morning Star Community Christian Center.

The following are a few representative responses from the post symposium survey:

"Every single thing detailed.. planned very well. Excellent symposium"

"I came in today with no knowledge of sickle cell disease and walked away with understanding and admiration for sickle cell patients."

"...it was encouraging and spiritually uplifting during the Big Apple Playback Performance"

"It was really helpful to have the opportunity to speak informally with the doctors."

"Can't wait for next year!"

Thank you to our sponsors; Embrace Kids Foundation in cooperation with the McCourty Twin's Tackle

Sickle Cell and Novartis Corporation. And here's a special shout out to the Planning Committee and program participants: Olga Barnwell, Muriel Celestin-Raphael M.D., Miralda Charles, Alice Cohen M.D., Keema Givens, Alfred Gillio M.D., Dominique Goodson, Ansley LaMar Ph. D., Jill Menell M.D., Ayoola Ogunyimika, Nancy Prowell, Douglas Rigg, Kay Robinson, Ediomu Utuk, Brenee Williams RN, Darlene Young and the Big Apple Playback Theatre.



Researcher on a mission!



Morning Panelists.
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SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 21, 2015

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INVITES YOU TO

Celebrate the Holidays

SOUTH

THURSDAY DEC. 11TH 6PM - 8PM

GARDEN STATE DISCOVERY CHILDRENS MUSEUM

2040 SPRINGDALE ROAD, CHERRY HILL, NJ 08003

CENTRAL

FRIDAY DEC. 12TH 6:30PM TO 9:00PM

BRADLEY BEACH BOWLING CENTER

1217 MAIN ST. BRADLEY BEACH NJ 07720

THIS PARTY IS IN COOPERATION WITH BARNABAS HEALTH
ADULT SICKLE CELL TREATMENT CENTER

NORTH

SATURDAY DEC. 13TH 3PM - 5PM

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SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY

"Kenta Klaus"

2014 Milestones for SCANJ

- Marked Our 5th Year
- Hosted 3 Road Trips--1. The FDA in Silver Spring Maryland to give input on Patient Focused Drug Development; 2. Road Trip to the SCDA Advocacy Day in Washington DC, and 3. Road Trip to the national SCDA Convention
- Hosted local webcast of the FDA meeting for those unable to attend the Road Trip
- SCANJ is the smallest agency in New Jersey to receive a Chronic Disease Self Management Program grant. We have the largest number of active Peer Leaders and Master Trainers. We've been cited for best practices by the NJ Office of Minority and Multicultural Health and NJ Office of Human Resources.
- Hosted a Kente Carpet Movies Under The Stars Sickle Cell Awareness Event
- Continued our signature events such as the Statewide SC Symposium, 24 Seven Line Dance Marathon, Sickle Cellabration, December Holiday Parties, Health Fairs, Family Support, Scholarship awards, and collaboration with community partners.

These are just some of our accomplishments.

Your continued support makes our mission come to life.

THANK YOU!