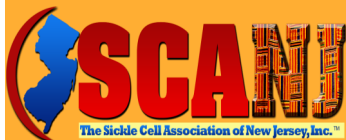


Sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disorder. People with sickle cell disease have red blood cells that become hard which can cause anemia, pain and many other serious health problems. Your involvement makes the difference in overcoming this disease.



Calendar Listings:

December 3rd Central Jersey Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Awards Brunch. SCANJ Founder, Mary Bentley LaMar, and 7 others will be honored. 10:00 AM Pines Manor in Edison. Call 908 756-0727.

6th Connections Support Group Tuesday at 7:00 PM Deborah's Jazz Café 18 Greene Street in Newark.

Holiday Parties- RSVP Now...



- **9th Holiday Party Central** Friday 6:00 PM -9:00PM in Freehold
- **15th Holiday Party South** Thursday at 6:00 PM-8 PM in Cherry Hill
- **19th Holiday Party North** Saturday 3:00 PM-5:00 PM in Montclair

Special thanks to The National Organization of Black Law Executives (Northern and Central NJ Chapters) for their toy drive support. And thanks to Prolong Pharmaceuticals and other Merrymakers who help make the season bright for families affected by sickle cell disease.

January 10- February 14, 2017 Take Control of Your Health Diabetes Self Management Workshop in Newark Tuesdays at 11:00am.

REGISTER via the events tab on
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Kenta Klaus is Coming to Town!



Mary Bentley LaMar
Founder
Executive Director

I am so satisfied because 2016 has been a year of increased programs, services and research for the sickle cell community. Much of this has been thanks to funding from the SCDA Sickle Cell Disease Newborn Screening Program, The NJ Office of Minority and Multicultural Health and the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute. The 2016 Milestones (page 2) make note of our accomplishments. Without your active engagement, those accomplishments would be few.

This past month, we partnered with Newark Beth Israel Hospital's Valerie Fund to host an American Red Cross Blood Drive and Be The Match Bone Marrow Donor Drive. Kudos to Lateasha Grant-Mack and her colleagues at "The Beth" for pushing the blood drive to exceed the goal. Yay!! Also, last month, we enjoyed 3 SCANJ Get Connected POP Up events; starting with the Cirque Du Soleil then the movie Moana and finishing up with the NJ Devils Hockey Game.

SCANJ Mission Statement

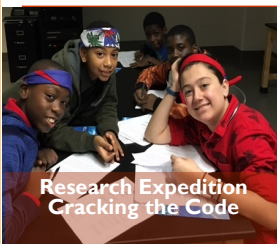
To advocate for and enhance our membership's ability to improve the quality of health, life and services for individuals, families and communities affected by sickle cell disease and related conditions, while promoting the search for a cure for all people in the world with sickle cell disease.

Let's continue the celebration. I heard that Kenta Klaus is coming to town. (Santa's brother from another mother). He's making stops at three locations in New Jersey just for us. Join in the festivities by making your RSVP now for the Holiday Party most convenient for you and your family.

You may remember that our motto is "SCANJ equals faith with good works for sickle cell disease." In this season of giving, I have faith that good works will continue to benefit the sickle cell community now and in the years to come. Happy Holidays!

~Mary

Reflections On A Very Good Year!



We did it again! Success with the 4th Annual Statewide Sickle Cell Disease Symposium.

Over 130 attendees came and were engaged from start to finish. There were 6 different topics explored through workshops, a Lunch and Learn and the Youth Research Expedition. We were inspired by the Big Apple Playback Theatre. Attendees also participated in a Village Town Hall and Afterwords Networking, and they enjoyed the Science Center.

Special thanks go to NOVARTIS for their generous sponsorship in supporting this endeavor.

Be there November 18, 2017 for the 5th Annual Statewide Sickle Cell Symposium, same place, same time, great experience.

Join us in recognizing the 2016
Dr. Charles F. Whitten Honorees

Claudene McLeod
Outstanding Volunteer

The Ogunyimika Family
Advocate of the Year

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity
Chi Sigma Chapter and Xi Theta Chapter
Outstanding Community Service

Marcus Stevensen, RN
RWJBarnabas Health Newark Beth Israel
Outstanding Health Care Professional

We appreciate the support of
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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 i.e., January, March, May, September and November. North Jersey location in the even numbered months i.e., February, April, June, October and December

This month's meeting Tuesday December 6th at 7:00pm-Deborah's Jazz Café 18 Greene St. in Newark (next to City Hall). **Parking available. Dinner provided.** January Meeting January 3rd at Rochester's in Lawnside. For more information and to RSVP please call our office at 973 482-9070 or Community Outreach Coordinator, Darlene Young at 862 371-7138.

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Beverly Lucas-Editor

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SOUTH
THURSDAY DEC. 15TH 6:00PM - 8:00PM
GARDEN STATE DISCOVERY CHILDRENS MUSEUM
2040 SPRINGDALE ROAD, CHERRY HILL, NJ 08003

NORTH
SATURDAY DEC. 17TH 3:00PM - 5:00PM
VAN VLECK HOUSE & GARDENS
21 VAN VLECK ST, MONTCLAIR, NJ 07042

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SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY
"Kenta Klaus"

THIS EVENT IS FREE FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY SICKLE CELL DISEASE
ALL OTHERS ARE MERRY MAKERS \$25 ADULTS

2016 Milestones for SCANJ

- Marked our 7th Year in operation
- Significantly increased community outreach and partnerships
- Built agency capacity to support paid staff and more support for volunteers
- Advanced to Tier II Award from the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute.
- Hosted a Road Trip to the SCDA Convention in Baltimore
- Established POP Up events providing free fun outings for families
- Exceeded the 24 Seven Line Dance Marathon Fundraising goal with \$18,000 in donations.
- Renewed grants from the NJ Dept. of Minority and Multicultural Health for the Stanford School of Medicine's Chronic Disease Self Management and Diabetes Self Management Programs
- Continued signature events such as the Sickle Cellabration, December Holiday Parties, Health Fairs, Family Support, Scholarships, Kente Carpet Movies and Statewide SCD Symposium
- State Lead for "Get Connected" SCDA's Patient Powered Registry.
- Increased advocacy with training and voter registration at all SCANJ events
- Started Connections Support Groups

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