

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 serious health problems. Your involvement makes the difference in overcoming this disease.



Calendar Listings

DECEMBER 5th Connections

Support Group 7:00pm –8:30pm
1016 Broad St. Newark.

Holiday Parties– RSVP Now...



- **8th Holiday Party Central**
Friday 6:00 PM –9:00PM in Freehold
- **14th Holiday Party South**
Thursday at 6:00 PM-8 PM in Cherry Hill
- **16th 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 Merry-makers who make the season bright for families affected by sickle cell disease.

January 22-25, 2018 Chronic Disease Self Management 4 Day Certification Class. 9:30AM-4PM. Willingboro. Enrollment is limited. Register early.

SCANJ EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
REGISTER via the events tab on sicklecellnewjersey.org or call 973 482-9070

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New Jersey Chapter of the



Sickle Cell Disease Association
of America



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Say It Loud!

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Sickle Cell News You Can Use

Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey

P.O. Box 9501 Newark, NJ 07104

Say Ho Ho Yo! Kenta Klaus is Coming to Town!



Mary Bentley LaMar
Founder
Executive Director

Seasons Greetings! It is a joy to reflect on our accomplishments this year and to show appreciation to all those who made it happen. When you look at the highlights below, I think you will find yourself in there. Perhaps you came to a Support Group or donated towards our work. Perhaps you are a corporate or community partner. Perhaps you danced in the 24Seven Line Dance Marathon or presented for a workshop. Perhaps you are living with sickle cell disease and simply need to connect with others who understand your situation. Whatever your role, you have helped to further the mission of the SCANJ.

We especially thank the New Jersey City University for their sponsorship of our Annual 24 Seven Line Dance Marathon Fundraiser. We have raised over \$7,000 and pledges are still coming in. This is all cause for celebration!

Consider this your personal invitation to join us at one of the December Holiday Parties (see calendar listings). It is our way of celebrating you.

Happy Holidays! ~Mary

At the Holiday Party North

we will recognize the

2017 Dr. Charles F. Whitten Honorees

Kevin Roy

Outstanding Volunteer

Wendy Adi-Darko

Advocate of the Year

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Omicron Xi Omega Chapter

Outstanding Community Service

Jennifer Krajewski, M.D. Hackensack Meridian Health

Annual Report Highlights Say It Loud and Tell The Story of 2017!

- 2017 Marked our 8th year in operation!
- Significantly increased community outreach and corporate partnerships
- Selected for a Tier III Award from the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute.
- Hosted a Road Trip to the SCDAA National Convention in Atlanta, GA
- Renewed grants from the NJ Dept. of Minority and Multicultural Health for the Chronic Disease and Diabetes Self Management Programs
- Conducted advocacy/voter registration training
- Initiated advocacy campaign to call attention the effects of opioid laws on the sickle cell community
- Hosted the first combined SCD Walk and Kente Carpet Movies Under The Stars
- Established a Student Research Poster Session on Comparative Effectiveness Research
- Continued signature programs such as the Sickle Cellabration, December Holiday Parties, Health Fairs, Family Support, Scholarships, Kente Carpet Movies, Get Connected POP Up Events, the 24 Seven Line Dance Marathon Fundraiser, the SCDAA Newborn Screening Program, UniverSoul Circus Voter Registration and Advocacy Awareness, Connections Support Groups and the Annual Statewide SCD Symposium

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.



Research Poster Fair



24 Seven Line Dance



SCANJ Statewide Symposium



SCDAA Convention

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Connections Support Group

Meets 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

December Topic: Dealing With Holiday Stress

This month's meeting is Tuesday December 5th at
NBCS 1016 Broad St. in Newark. Next month's meeting is a
special outing to the movies on Tuesday January 2nd. For
more information and to RSVP you may register online via
our events tab or call our Community Outreach Coordinator,
Darlene Young at 862 371-7138.



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Beverly Lucas-Editor

THE SICKLE CELL ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY, INC.
INVITES YOU TO

Celebrate the Holidays

CENTRAL
FRIDAY DEC. 8TH 6:00PM TO 9:00PM
i Play America
110 SCHANCK ROAD • FREEHOLD NEW JERSEY

SOUTH
THURSDAY DEC. 14TH 6:00PM - 8:00PM
GARDEN STATE DISCOVERY CHILDRENS MUSEUM
2040 SPRINGDALE ROAD, CHERRY HILL, NJ 08003

NORTH
SATURDAY DEC. 16TH 3:00PM - 5:00PM
VAN VLECK HOUSE & GARDENS
21 VAN VLECK ST, MONTCLAIR, NJ 07042

FESTIVE GAMES • CAROLING • TOYLAND • GIFTS • FOOD

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY

"Kenta Klaus"

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 973-482-9070
RSVP - WWW.SICKLECELLNEWJERSEY.ORG

OR VISIT
Eventbrite



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 1, 2018

Frances Thompson Walton
Scholarship application
registration opens online

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cation Class. 9:30AM-4PM.
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January 29-March 19th
SCDAA Sick Cell Disease
Community Health Worker
Certification Training.

Online classes except for 80
hours of fieldwork (40 Hours in
a community organization and
40 hours in a medical institu-
tion). Students must pass a
final exam.

Cost is \$1,200. Download and
complete the application at
www.sicklecelldisease.org.

Contact the SCDAA for more
information 410 528-1555.

*Please remember SCANJ
in your year end giving.*

Thank You!