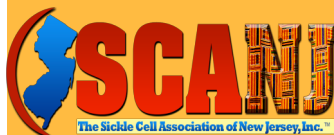


Sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disorder. People with sickle cell disease have red blood cells that become hard which can cause anemia, pain and many other serious health problems. Your involvement makes the difference in overcoming this disease.



## Calendar Listings

**Please go to your nearest Blood Bank and donate blood now! There is a critical shortage, especially of Type O blood.**

Check our website for organizations with summer camp offerings and other useful resources.

**September 17, The Darien Lyles Sickle Cell Awareness American Red Cross Blood Drive and Health Fair.** Impacting Your World Christian Center, 2901 Chapel Ave, Cherry Hill NJ 08002. SCANJ is partnering to raise awareness about sickle cell disease and the importance of minority blood donations. 8:00am-3:00pm. To sign up in advance go to [red-crossblood.org](http://red-crossblood.org) and enter sponsor code **15324** or call 1 800 26-BLOOD.

**September 27-October 1, National SCDA Convention** Marriott Hotel, Memphis Tennessee. To register go to [www.sicklecelldisease.org](http://www.sicklecelldisease.org) Poster Children Rahym Phillip and Sanaa Johnson will represent SCANJ as Goodwill Ambassadors at the convention.

**October 7-8**  
**SCANJ 24Seven Marathon**

**24 Hours of Fun 7 Events To raise funds and awareness for sickle cell disease.** New Jersey City University. Student Union Building 3rd Floor. 2039 Kennedy Boulevard. Jersey City, New Jersey.

**October 14, 2011 Minority Association of Pre Health Students at Princeton University "Dance Vs. Disease"** to Benefit the Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey

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# Say It Loud!

Summer Breeze Edition  
July & August 2011

Sickle Cell News You Can Use

The Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey

## A Note From the Executive Director...



Mary Bentley LaMar

I hope this "Summer Breeze" edition of the newsletter is finding you cool and comfortable. After all of the

activity so far, I believe we deserve a respite as we reflect on the first half of 2011.

We began the year conducting Take Control of Your Health Workshops, resulting in over 66 individuals "graduating" to a healthier lifestyle. SCANJ then ushered in February with an American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by WBLS Radio, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and hosted by New Jersey City University.

We went to Capitol Hill in March with the SCDA to advocate for funding for sickle cell disease and took families to Baltimore in May, for the York Mid Atlantic Consortium (NYMAC) on Genetic Disease where we presented at the invitation of NYMAC.



2011-2012 Poster Children  
Rahym Phillip and Sanaa Johnson at  
the Sickle Collaboration

We continue to support blood drives and health fairs, such as the Alpha Kappa Alpha North Atlantic Region Conference Health fair, participate in the Central and Northern New Jersey Sickle Cell Disease Network and address client concerns as they arise.

We welcomed Dr. Ian Smith and the Be Sickle Smart Program as we learned more about iron overload.

Most recently we commemorated World Sickle Cell Disease Day with A Sickle Collaboration at the Jersey Explorer Children's Museum in East Orange. Pediatric hematologist Dr. Bekele of Newark Beth Israel Hospi-

tal's Valerie Fund Center and pediatrician Dr. Lori Colyer-Avera, were among our expert presenters. Our new representatives for the Poster Child Program were introduced by Teen Spokesperson Amanda Salazar.

The second half of 2011 promises to be even more impactful as we head towards September Sickle Cell Awareness Month which

includes the national SCDA convention September 26-October 1 and...get ready...get ready...get ready...the **SCANJ 24 Seven Marathon** on October 7.

Rest now, because we need you to "bring it" with the first ever **24 Seven** as we make a Guinness World Record line dancing to raise funds and awareness in the fight against sickle cell disease. We're calling on you to make it happen (see below).

Thank you for support of our programs and services. With your help we can accomplish great things! ~Mary

## Calling All Community Service Leaders...

When you see help, education and advocacy, you see community service in action. Academic, religious, non profits, businesses, civic, fraternal and social organizations, and individuals who go the extra mile, are the movers and shakers in helping the community. So we are calling on you for help, as we establish the first ever 24 Seven Marathon line dancing in the fight against sickle cell disease.

Sickle cell disease is a devastating potentially life threatening blood disorder. It can cause excruciating

pain, organ damage and many other health problems. Come out and learn how you and your organization through the 24 Seven initiative can make an impact in improving the quality of life of thousands of people who suffer from this terrible disease.

The next 24 Seven Marathon Introductory Meeting is August 9th at 6:30pm at the Jersey City Medical Center, 355 Grand Street in Jersey City. For those in South Jersey, there is a meeting scheduled for August 25th at 6:30pm (location TBA).

You will be in the company of other invited community, academic, health and civic leaders.

We can think of no better way to begin this important philanthropic event than to involve leaders such as you.

We're seeking the support of the entire community, statewide, to make this a success. RSVP for the meeting via [sicklecellanj@gmail.com](mailto:sicklecellanj@gmail.com) or call 973 482-9070.

**Donate  
Now**

We depend on donations from individuals like you to provide local programs and services to fight sickle cell disease. Please give generously to SCANJ. Your donations are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

You can donate online or mail your contribution payable to:

**SCANJ P.O. Box 9501 Newark NJ 07104**  
**EIN# 80-0474935 SCANJ is a 501c 3 agency**

**Thank You**

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**YOU CAN BRING IT!**

**Teams are forming now for the  
24 Seven Marathon!**

**Join us as we attempt to set a Guinness World Record line  
dancing for sickle cell disease!!**

**Register by mail or online at  
www.sicklecellnewjersey.org**

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Beverly Lucas-Editor

## Cooper Hospital in Camden Helps Families Tackle Sickle Cell Disease Head On...

with their board-certified pediatric hematology physicians who provide infants, children and adolescents with inpatient and outpatient services. Their health care team works together to establish a comprehensive care plan for each patient. Among their staff of experts are Dr. Ahmed and Dr. Zaghloul.

Dr. Ahmed has special interest in sickle cell disease, has received several teaching awards, and is published in several peer-reviewed journals. She is a member of several professional societies including the American Society of Hematology, American Society of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, American Society of Clinical Oncology, New York Academy of Sciences, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Association, and American Pediatric Association of Indian Origin.

Nibal Zaghloul, MD was most recently Attending Physician in pediatric hematology/oncology at Akron Children's Center for Blood and Cancer, Akron Children's Hospital, Akron, Ohio, as well as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. Board-certified in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and general Pediatrics, Dr. Zaghloul has a special interest in childhood cancer and blood disorders. Dr. Zaghloul has received several teaching awards, is published in peer-reviewed journals, is a member of the American Society of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology. For more information visit their website [www.cooperchildrens.org](http://www.cooperchildrens.org). You can also call 1 856 342-2561 or toll free 1 888 8-COOPER

Reflections of

World Sickle Cell Disease Day

**Special shout out to Newark's Beth Israel Hospital Sickle Cell Demonstration Program for their generous volunteer support and sponsorship of A Sickle Cellabration. You have been there for SCANJ.**

**THANKS!**

