

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



Calendar Listings

November 16-17 SCANJ 2010

Road Trip to the James B. Herrick Sickle Cell Symposium at NIH, Bethesda MD. There are 4 rooms left in our hotel block so act now if you want to come. Once the rooms are gone, we can offer travel only for a nominal fee. Email us or call. Late fee in effect.

20 "Thanks for Giving Concert". Sickle Cell Sabbath 3:00pm Shiloh Baptist Church, 99 Davenport Avenue, Newark. All are invited to this benefit. Your freewill offering and toy donations are appreciated. A reception will follow.

December 11, Holiday Open House-Van Vleck Mansion in Montclair. RSVP by December 9th 973 482-9070. Special appearance by Kenta Klaus.

30 Say It Loud! Conversations on Sickle Cell Disease Dial 1 712 432-0080 Pass code 490765# at 12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. EST. Topic: Sickle Cell Trait? Get it Straight!

SC Advocacy Day at the Capitol Planning Committee Call Kevin Baxter, Chair, if you would like to serve on this committee. 609 477-9092

January 8, 2011 Take Control of Your Health Workshops, part of the Stanford University CDSMP program, Begin January 8, 2011 and run each Saturday through February 12, 2011. Enrollment is limited so find out now how you can be part of this empowering program offered by SCANJ.



Say It Loud!

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Sickle Cell News You Can Use

A Note from the Executive Director..



Mary Bentley LaMar

Our Mission

In concordance with the mission of The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America; "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."

Many people in our community are doing outstanding work for sickle cell disease and for that we can all be grateful. This month, we want to express our appreciation with a special *Thanks for Giving Concert* at Shiloh Baptist Church in Newark. Get ready to enjoy guest choirs, soloists, and praise dancers. There will also be appearances by Amanda Salazar, the New Jersey Sickle Cell Teen Spokesperson, and Savion Smith our Sickle Cell Poster Child.

SCANJ will honor those in the community who have done outstanding work for sickle cell disease by presenting them with Dr. Charles F. Whitten Awards. Your presence at this concert will help us honor them as well as others who have lent a helping hand. While the concert is free, your donations will help us with our mission. See the story below for more information about the concert and about Dr. Whitten.

A final reminder that we still have a

few slots available for the SCANJ 2010 Road Trip, so act now if you want to go with us on this amazing learning experience at the National Institutes of Health's James B. Herrick Symposium on Sickle Cell Disease.

I sincerely thank each and every one of you for embracing the mission of the Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey.

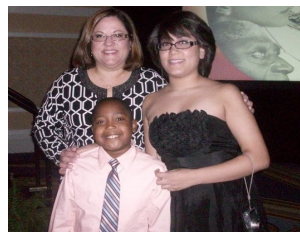
Because of you the best is yet to come. . .

~Mary



Students Jack Bynum and Hunter LaMar after the Masters School Fundraiser for SCANJ

Amanda and Savion's Invitation For You



Savion with Amanda & her Mom, Mrs. Salazar at SCDA Convention

Hi, I'm Amanda. I'm 16 years old and a student at Mary Help of Christians Academy High School. I'm proud to serve as the New Jersey Teen Spokesperson for sickle cell disease. And I'm Savion. I'm 9 years old and I go to Elementary School in Lakewood. I'm excited to be the New Jersey Sickle Cell Poster Child.

We invite you to the *Thanks for Giving Concert* on Saturday November 20 from 3:00 to 5:30 at Shiloh Baptist Church in Newark. We will help present the Dr. Charles F. Whitten Awards.

Dr. Whitten was a professor and pediatrician who, during the early 1970s, realized that services for people with sickle cell disease and their families were sorely lacking. Out of Dr. Whitten's pioneering efforts to advocate for the needs of people with sickle cell disease, the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDA) was born.

Please join us as we honor those who follow in Dr. Whitten's footsteps by helping to educate others about sickle cell disease, and, don't forget, you'll get to hear great music, too. Your freewill donation and toy donations

are appreciated. This event is free and so is the reception that follows. Tell your family and friends to come too. We'll see you there.



Savion and his Mom, Nicole Allmond at the SCDA Convention Banquet

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December 11, 2010
January 8, 2011

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We need and welcome your contributions. They are fully tax deductible and help us fulfill our mission through programs and services to fight sickle cell disease. Make checks or money orders payable to:

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“SCANJ equals faith with good works for sickle cell disease.”



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Newark Chapter with AKA's, Delta's and other friends help SCANJ in outreach for sickle cell disease

The “Say It Loud” newsletter is published monthly. It is a communication tool that we hope you will use to stay informed and involved. Please read it and give us your input.

—Beverly Lucas-Editor

You've attended conferences, donated blood, conducted research, comforted someone in crisis, served as sponsors, and you've mentored this newly formed agency. You've walked in walk-a-thons and paraded in parades, advocated for yourself and for others who had no voice. You have presented at programs, some, even after working all day. You have volunteered. This has not gone unnoticed. Thank You.

Newark Beth Israel Hospital Adult Sickle Cell Center

Hackensack University Medical Center-Tomorrow's Children Institute

UMDNJ/RWJ Medical Center

Embrace Kids Foundation

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Montclair, Newark, Pater-son and Willingboro Graduate Chapters
 Rho Phi Undergraduate Chapter

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Budget Print Center of Bloomfield

Community Blood Services

Converse4aCure.org

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Omega Psi Phi Fraternity-Newark & Montclair Chapters

Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDAA)

SCDAA-Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter

The Sickle Cell Disease Foundation of California

The Sickle Cell Disease Association of Illinois

The Sickle Cell Community Advocates, St. Louis

Top Ladies of Distinction-Ewing

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority-Camden Chapter

The Make A Wish Foundation

The Master's School, Dobbs Ferry, NY

The Valerie Fund-Sickle Cell Leadership Council

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Coming Up...

SCANJ 2010 Road Trip

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Thanks For Giving Concert

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 Shiloh Baptist Church 99 Davenport Ave, Newark
 Benefit for sickle cell disease programs
 Freewill offering**

Holiday Party

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 RSVP by December 9th**

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 For information on all SCANJ programs call 973 482-9070 or email us at sicklecellanj@gmail.com**