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Education Towards the Management of Sickle Cell

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/PRESIDENT



The past year has been an eye opener for SCANCA, INC. and the Sickle Cell Community. We have always believed that we could not survive without many of the things that until recently been out of reach. The past year has proven that we are resilient and survivors. We are all stronger than we imagined. Though there have been struggles, we have found ways to overcome them. We thank God for watching over us, protecting us and giving us the strength to withstand it all.

The sickle cell community has truly been blessed. The ZOOM era has provided us the ability to participate in educational programs and a diverse amount of activities without leaving our homes. This is a first. Those who would not be able to attend such event, in the past, have been able to participate and enjoy many educational activities such as the SCANCA, INC.: holiday celebration, Adult and Tween Support Groups, Spring Workshop, and prayer meetings. These events have been exciting and have flourished with much anticipation. Whether you are a sickle cell individual, member of a sickle cell family or just the general public person who loves supporting others, we ask that you watch our website and commit to joining our events. Your support, ideas, concerns and love are appreciated by SCANCA, INC. and the Sickle Cell Community. We want you to know that we love you much!!

We give praises to our GOD for blessings to SCANCA, INC. and to you!!

Iola Y. Williams,
Executive Director

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TURNING THE CAPITAL WHEEL RED “WORLD SICKLE CELL DAY”

HOSTED BY SCANCA, INC. - Article by Beverly Ames



June 19, 2021, **World Sickle Cell Day** also National Juneteenth Independence Day, a National Holiday! SCANCA, INC. sponsored the Red Lightening of the Wheel at National Harbor, Oxon Hill, MD commemorating Sickle Cell Awareness Day. Board Representatives were Shanetta Richardson and Beverly Ames. Sickle cell warriors from the DMV area; Mrs. Cynthia Gibson representing Christopher D. Gipson Sickle Cell Moya-Moya Foundation; supporters from Howard University Hospital Sickle Cell Clinic, Washington, DC; several friends and family members of S. Richardson; and many interested individuals from the neighboring area made this an enjoyable educational event. Thanks to all!! Stay tuned for World Sickle Day 2022!!!



REMEMBER: SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH !

FDA WARNING OF HAND SANITIZER CONTAMINATION

FEDERAL DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) is warning consumers and health care providers that the agency has seen a sharp increase in hand sanitizer products that are labeled to contain ethanol (also known as ethyl alcohol) but that have tested positive for methanol contamination. Methanol, or wood, is a substance that can be toxic when absorbed through the skin or ingested and can be life-threatening when ingested.

The agency is aware of adults and children ingesting hand sanitizer products contained with methanol that has led to recent adverse events including blindness, hospitalizations and death.

Methanol is not an acceptable ingredient for hand sanitizers and must not be used due to its toxic effects. FDA's investigation of methanol in certain hand sanitizers is ongoing. The agency will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Consumers who have been exposed to hand sanitizer containing methanol and are experiencing symptoms should seek immediate treatment for potential reversal of toxic effects of methanol poisoning. Substantial methanol exposure can result in nausea, vomiting, headache, blurred vision, permanent blindness, seizures, coma, permanent damage to the nervous system or death. Although all persons using these products on their hands are at risk for methanol poisoning, young children who accidentally ingest these products and adolescents and adults who drink these products as an alcohol (ethanol) substitute are most at risk.

FDA reminds consumers (consumers/consumer-updates/safely-updates/safely-using hand sanitizer) to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing one's nose. If soap and water are not readily available, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<https://www.cdc.gov/handashing/show-me-the-science-hand-sanitizer.html>) (CDC) recommend consumers use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent ethanol (also referred to as ethyl alcohol).

NOTE: ALL SCANCA, INC. ACTIVITIES ARE VIRTUAL

DURING THE CURRENT CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

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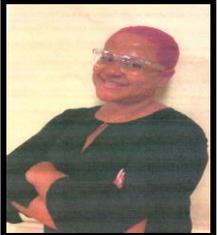
TO KEEP UP WITH THE HAPPENINGS:

ALWAYS PRACTICE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS!!

WWW.SCANCAINC.ORG

SCANCA, INC. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS - 2021

The Sickle Cell Association of the National Capital Area, Inc. (SCANCA, INC.) is a community-based organization serving individuals with Sickle Cell Disease and their families in the National Capital Area (Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC). Our mission is geared toward education which includes providing scholarships for students enrolled in institutions of higher learning, e.g., college, technical and/or graduate school. The five 2021 scholarship awardees are Kaitlyn Adams, Jasmin Baker, Steven Mann, Erica Quan and Ariel Wright. **We congratulate them on their educational progress and wish success for them in the future.**

	<p>Kaitlyn Adams has been a recipient in prior years and has learned to persevere through many of life's challenges dealing with sickle cell disease. She has a determination to succeed. She plans to use college as a platform to grow as a person and develop a sense of independence. Kaitlyn never lets anything stand in her way. She has become aware of her strengths and weaknesses, using them to build herself as a person. Her career goal is to become a licensed Social Worker specializing in Hematology/Oncology.</p>
	<p>Jasmin Baker has kept education as the center of her attention. She also has an interest in the scientific study of social interactions as it pertains to social structures and issues in our schools and communities. She wants to provide instructional advice to "at-risk students" that she hopes will change the lives of students and their families. Her desire is to be a positive impact to the outcome of many persons in this world, especially in the sickle cell community.</p>
	<p>Steven Mann is eager to attend college and to be involved with persons of diverse backgrounds and to keep education as the center of his attention. He wants to learn in an environment that will challenge and bring out the best in the scientific study of Sociology as it pertains to social structures and development on how to properly lead an organization and negotiate contracts. As a guide and mentor he is becoming a leader.</p>
	<p>Erica Quan has had many life experiences to help her to identify the kind of physician she would like to become. As a sickle cell individual she knows the good, the bad and the ugly of hospital care. She is acknowledgeable that the patient often knows his/her body best. Her experiences have given the perspective that she will be a more informed physician. She admires the experience and ability of the good doctor to break down the most complex information into the simplest forms. Erica's goal is to obtain a degree in Epidemiology and focus on the underserved populations who need medical intervention planning.</p>
	<p>Ariel Wright has three missions that matter in life. The first is her walk with Christ. The Global Pandemic of 2020 has reminded her of the importance of strengthening her relationship with Christ. She is determine to walk in her purpose. The second is her academics. Ariel has received many accolades and excelling has been her top priority. This included receiving honor roll every quarter, taking IB courses and college classes during high school. The third mission in life is the purpose to find a career that is truly enjoyable and pleasurable for her personal satisfaction. Over the years she has grown an interest in the field of hematology. With sickle cell she has a personal experience that allows her to gain a connection with any patient encountered.</p>

SUPPORT SCANCA, INC. SCHOLARSHIP AND TEEN WARRIOR PROGRAMS!!

THE TWEEN WARRIORS SUPPORT GROUP

The Tween Warriors support group was created for children ages 10-17 living with sickle cell disease. The mission of the group is to provide a safe space for children to interact with others who have the disease and to share their feelings and experiences. The SCANCA, INC. Tween Group coordinators are Ms. Syreeta Jones and Dr. Kendall Moody.

The first Tween Warriors support group meeting was held on January 10, 2021. Approximately 10 tweens attended from different parts of the country. We played games, gave away door prizes, and had great discussions for an hour. The Tween Warriors support group will meet for an hour on the second Sunday of each month on a monthly basis via Zoom.

If your child or someone you know would benefit from participating please check www.scancainc.org regularly for updated information. Registration is required. To register, go to <https://forms.gle/kg7pHr1wmPYWw1XV9>. If you have any questions regarding the group, please feel free to contact Syreeta Jones at syreeta.r.jones@gmail.com.

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EXERCISE	WALK
FLUIDS	WORKSHOP

LIVING A FULL AND SUCCESSFUL LIFE WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE

(EXCERPTS FROM A 2009 SCANCA, INC. WORKSHOP GIVEN BY DR. EDWARD DONELL IVY)



Dr. Edward Donnell Ivy was raised in a family with five children (3 brothers and 1 sister). When he was two years old, his family was told that he had sickle cell disease. What a shock! He was raised by his grandmother who used the old school remedies for everything. Grandma pushed him to do chores depend on self and never to stop until the task is complete. At an early age, Dr Ivy had a dream to become an Air Force pilot. That dream never left his mind. Throughout the years, with multiple crises, he never missed school unless his grandma really believed it was necessary. As a youth, he developed acute chest syndrome and found himself in ICU with a nurse at his bedside at all times.

When Dr. Ivy and his grandmother moved to South Carolina, he met a doctor who specialized in Sickle Cell Disease. This doctor took special interest in him, not as a patient but as a human being. It was not about the disease but about the whole being. Dr. Ivy then took medication with many side effects but did not give up. This doctor attended him through episode after episode until he was capable of taking complete care of himself. With that care Dr. Ivy prepared for college by working in the lab with this doctor. The encouragement was never ending and Dr. Ivy enrolled into medical school. He then developed necrosis in both hips causing him to eventually have a double hip replacement.

Dr. Ivy completed medical school and is now a medical doctor specializing in research and Pediatrics. He realized that because of Sickle Cell Disease he would not able to be that pilot. He had to jump many barriers and wishes that all young people would realize the many advantages that are out there for them. Children today are not preparing themselves for the future. Their parents must search for these advantages and use organizations such as SCANCA, INC. to get the needed information. Dr. Ivy went into Public Health and also received his Masters Degree. In residency he preached to the families that “every sickle cell individual should go to college.” The individual with sickle cell is able to study in any field he/she aspires to. No, it’s not easy but you can excel if you keep at the task. We also are more aware that the life expectancy of the individual with sickle cell disease has long been improved.

Dr. Edward Donnell Ivy is an experienced Medical Officer with demonstrated history of working in Public Health and Program Development. He is the Director Of Community Outreach and Education at Rockville, Maryland

Get involved! Dr. Ivy wants you to succeed and tell others of your success.

JOIN THE MARROW REGISTRY



Bone marrow transplants may free sickle cell sufferers from the pain of the disease. Potential donors must be between the ages of 18 and 60, be willing to donate to any patient in need, and meet the health guidelines.

A cheek swab is all it takes to see if you are a match to help save the PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE.

**For info, call: 800-MARROW2
OR go to the website: BETHEMATCH.ORG**

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Individual yearly Membership : \$25.00 _____ Organizations/Corporation yearly Membership: \$100.00

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Do you have a family member(s) with Sickle Cell? _____ Yes -- - _____ No

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UPCOMING EVENTS – 2021 – 2022

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www.scancainc.org

**STAY TUNED TO THE UPCOMING IMPORTANT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO:
THE ADULT SUPPORT GROUP, THE TWEEN GROUP, MONTHLY PRAYER CALL LINE
AND THE SPRING WORKSHOP**

**BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION BY FREQUENTLY TUNING INTO
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By Appointment Only

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because of the Coronavirus Pandemic.**



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