

Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month 2009 Activities

- September 11-13 **Team Sizzle Worldwide Celebrity Weekend**
Kick-off on Friday 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Hyatt Inner Harbor
300 Light Street, Baltimore MD
For further information go to <http://www.wepsicklecell.org/>
- T-Boz, Nia Long and John Singleton and other celebrities join Baltimore Raven Terrell Suggs for the 2nd annual Team Sizzle Celebrity Weekend. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the William E. Proudford Sickle Cell Fund.
- September 12 **Maryland State Sickle Cell Picnic**
Co sponsors: Johns Hopkins Sickle Cell Disease Programs, Maryland Sickle Cell Disease Association, the Lauren Beck Sickle Cell Disease Foundation, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cedar Lane Park Pavilion West
5081 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD
- Please RSVP to Kim Coppage at 410-955-6132. Please leave message with name, #of people - maximum 6 per person with sickle cell disease and if you will be taking the shuttle from Hopkins.
- September 14 **Blood and Marrow Drive**
- Donate Blood at Macedonia United Methodist Church
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
1567 Sappington Station Rd
Odenton, MD 21113
- September 14 **Sickle Cell Awareness Night at Bliss Coffee & Wine Bar**
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
1400 Handlir Drive, Bel Air, MD
- Marc Clarke, host of "The Marc Clarke Show" on My24 on WUTB TV, is the guest host for the evening as you mix, mingle and enjoy the unique sound of jazz guitarist Drew Davidsen.

- September 15 Sickle Cell Awareness Night at Organic Soul
Eden's Lounge
12 W. Eager Street
Baltimore, MD
- Poetry, singing, art and great music combine for a mellow evening.
- September 17 William E. Proudford Sickle Cell Fund 4th Annual
Fundraiser
6:00 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Hyatt Inner Harbor
300 Light Street, Baltimore MD
For ticket information go to <http://www.wepsicklecell.org/>
- Fox 45's Patrice Harris emcees the fundraising reception, joined by special guests Terrell Suggs and Maliah Hebb, keynote speaker Jackie Gaines, and the Singing Sensations Youth Choir honor Sen. Tom Carper (DE) and Del. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam (MD). Proceeds benefit the WEPSCF.
- September 19 Maryland Sickle Cell Disease Association Community Forum
Accessing Educational Services for Children with Sickle Cell
Disease
- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
St. John Baptist Church
8910 Old Annapolis Road
Columbia, Maryland
- September 19 STOMP OUT SICKLE CELL 3K WALK-A-THON
- 8:00 a.m. -12:00 noon
Howard University Hospital, midpoint Children's National
Medical Center
For more information and registration log on to
www.soswalk.org

What Else is Happening in Maryland with Sickle Cell Disease.....

Maryland has long been a national leader in the diagnosis and treatment of infants and children with sickle cell disease (SCD). A comprehensive program of services for children with SCD has been effective in reducing morbidity and

mortality among children and adolescents. Unfortunately, the same level of service is not available for adults with and many adult patients do not get the care they need.

There is only one sickle cell disease clinic for adults in the State, the Sickle Cell Disease Center for Adults at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene supports a transition clinic for teens and young adults to assist them to move from the various pediatric hematology clinics to the Sickle Cell Disease Center for Adults at Johns Hopkins.

A Statewide Steering Committee on Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease was formed in 2007 (Chapter 435, Acts of 2007). The Committee consists of sickle cell patients, health care providers, medical insurers, and community representatives, appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). The Committee is working to identify resources and services that could be used to improve the lives of Marylanders with SCD and to educate health care providers and the public about SCD.

For further information on the committee email dxharris@dhmh.state.md.us