



Children's Sickle Cell Foundation, Inc.

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Executive Director's Message:

This is my son, Jonathan. He was born with sickle cell disease in 2000. He was the inspiration that spawned the creation of Children's Sickle Cell Foundation, Inc. We are in our **10th** year serving children with sickle cell disease and their families. In September 2002, with the help of some parents, medical professionals and community members, we held our first board meeting. Known then, as Project 2022, our goals were to make an impact for families facing the challenges of having a child or children with SCD. Since then, we have established programs based on the needs of the families and have been successful! I have found every child and their amazing families as ongoing inspiration to continue towards our goal for 2022!

We are pleased to announce our new initiative for 2012: Our partnership with the Vascular Medicine Institute to offer research grants to young researchers to spawn innovation with regard to sickle cell disease. We are raising funds that will support research to find better treatments, medicines and for a universal CURE for sickle cell disease! We applaud Dr. Mark Gladwin, Dr. Enrico Novelli and Dr. Lakshmanan Krishnamurti for their commitment to research and most of all to the children and adults who benefit from their work. Please get involved and give your best!

Whether you are a parent, sibling, caregiver, friend, teacher, mentor or healthcare professional, we invite you to get involved in a new way this year. Join our awesome Volunteers who are making a difference for a child! Here's some ways to get involved:

- Register to participate in the Penguins Charity Assist Raffle on Saturday, **April 7** at the Consol Energy Center
- Create a Walk Team for your school, community or church for our Sickle Cell Awareness and SuperFun Day at Kennywood Park on Sunday, **June 3**.
- There's music in the air as we have been selected to participate in the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra - Community Partners Concert on Friday, **June 29**. Stay tuned coming details about the PSO Concert and **SAVE the DATE!** You won't want to miss this one!

We are just about half-way there! We need your help to keep moving toward that goal. Thank you for your support.

Andrea

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"Committed to Serving Children and Families"