

## Programs and Services

The SCDFC provides services FREE of charge to individuals with sickle cell disease, their families and the general public.

### SERVICES INCLUDE

- Camp Crescent Moon Summer Camp\*
- Hemoglobin Trait Counseling
- Client/Patient Advocacy
- SCD Education to the affected individual and family
- SCD Network & Support Groups
- Medical & Social Service Referrals
- Community Health Education
- Healthcare Provider Education

*For more information  
please contact the SCDFC at  
310-693-0247 or toll free  
at 877-288-CURE*

\*Children with sickle cell disease between the ages of 8-14 who live in Southern & Central California are eligible to attend. There is a nominal registration fee required however, no child will be turned away if unable to pay.

Camp applications are available in February, please call the SCDFC today to be placed on the mailing list for an application.



**Camp is held one week every July!**

For more information please visit  
[www.campcrescentmoon.org](http://www.campcrescentmoon.org)

## Camp Crescent Moon

*For children with sickle cell disease*

Since 1967, the SCDFC has provided an overnight summer camp for children with sickle cell disease, who because of serious medical complications are not able to attend traditional camps.



### Kids can have FUN...

The SCDFC realizes that children with sickle cell disease need space and time to be kids. By attending camp, they can take a break and be more than just a child with sickle cell disease.



The daily activities are the same as those found at any other camp program, however they are tailored to meet the physical needs of children with sickle cell disease.

### ...while their medical needs are being met.

Camp Crescent Moon is staffed by a team of volunteer physicians, nurses, social workers, cabin counselors & program specialists who participate in a thorough training process to prepare for the camp week.



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## Who Are We?

The Sickle Cell Disease Foundation of California (SCDFC) is the first and oldest non-profit, social service, sickle cell disease organization in the United States today.

We address the needs of individuals with sickle cell disease and their families by emphasizing educational and support programs and services that meet the physical, psychosocial and economic needs of our clients.

The SCDFC relies on grants, corporate contributions and private donations to provide these much needed services.

## Our Mission

The Sickle Cell Disease Foundation of California is committed to its **mission** *“to provide education and life enhancing programs and services to individuals with sickle cell disease, to broaden public awareness about sickle cell disease and to promote medical research to ultimately find a cure”*.

## Our History

The Sickle Cell Disease Foundation of California was founded in 1957 by a small group of young African-American physicians who were concerned by the lack of medical care and social services available to individuals with sickle cell disease.

*Today nearly 55 years later, the SCDFC serves hundreds of clients each year.*

## What is Sickle Cell Disease?

Sickle cell disease refers to a group of inherited blood diseases in which the red blood cells change from a round shape to a distorted, rigid, sickled shape when oxygen is released from the red blood cell.



### Normal Red Blood Cells

- *Are round, soft and flexible*
- *Carry oxygen throughout the body*
- *Can easily pass through the blood vessels*
- *Have an average lifespan of 120 days*

### Sickled Red Blood Cells

- *Carry less oxygen than round red blood cells*
- *Change shape when oxygen is released*
- *Are hard, sticky and break easily*
- *Have an average lifespan of 8-40 days*
- *Block blood vessels, causing severe pain, tissue and organ damage*

Sickle cell disease occurs when an individual receives two sickle hemoglobin genes from both parents or a combination of one sickle hemoglobin gene from one parent and another abnormal hemoglobin gene from the other parent.

Hemoglobin is the oxygen carrying protein located inside the red blood cells.

## Who is affected with Sickle Cell Disease?

Currently, there are approximately 250 million people worldwide who carry the gene responsible for sickle cell disease and other hemoglobin diseases.



Each year about 300,000 infants are born worldwide with a major hemoglobin disease. In the United States there are approximately 90,000 individuals with sickle cell disease and it is estimated that there are 5,000 with the disease living in Los Angeles County.

Although sickle cell disease is most commonly found in people with ancestors of African descent, sickle cell disease is also found in people of Caribbean, Latin American, Mediterranean, Middle Eastern or Asian Indian descent.



## What Can I Do?

### *You can make a difference!*

- **Learn** more about sickle cell disease
- **Educate** others about SCD
- **Volunteer** with the SCDFC
- **Participate** in our fundraisers
- Make a donation to support our programs and services
- **Donate** through your workplace giving campaign. We are members of the Community Health Charities of California or you can select us through donor designation for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) & United Way.