

Baton Rouge Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation

The mission of the Baton Rouge Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation is to provide financial support services to medically needy individuals diagnosed with sickle cell disease; to promote local and national research in support of a cure; and provide treatment support to enhance the quality of life for those suffering from this incurable disease.

Programs and Services offered free of charge to individuals living with sickle cell disease:

- **Fountain of Health** A hydration program which allows clients to receive sports drinks to assist in maintaining their hydration.
- **Circle of Friends** A sitting service that provides a trained sitter for hospitalized clients who are experiencing sickle cell episodes.
- **Coping and Connecting** A series of client support groups, speakers, as well as open discussion on sickle cell disease, related illnesses, social services and coping skills. Adults and caregivers meet monthly. Children and teens meet quarterly.
- **Infant Care Program** a program to educate new parents and to help monitor the development of newborns diagnosed with sickle cell disease.
- **Trait Counseling Program** Counseling is provided to individuals who have the trait or the disease.
- **Prescription Drug Vouchers / Co Payment Vouchers** This program provides up to \$100.00 for clients who are uninsured. Co-payments are reimbursed up to \$50.00 for clients who are insured.
- **Medical Durable Program** A co-payment of \$100.00 per year is provided to clients for the purchase of wheelchairs, crutches, etc.
- **Healthcare Vouchers** A program that provides assistance with medical, dental, vision exams and eyewear.
- **Emergency Financial Assistance** The Emergency Assistance Program will provide assistance up to \$150.00 annually to clients and/or their guardian/caregiver based on the financial need.
- **LASCA Adult Patient/Advocate Retreat** This is a weekend retreat for adult clients and caregivers to address the needs of persons living with sickle cell disease. The retreat is held in the summer in a selected Louisiana City.
- **Jesse Douglas Education Resource Library** Educational materials on sickle cell disease and related illnesses are available for clients and the general public.
- **Academic Partnership** A program that assists students with educational plans, tutors, and a summer school stipend.
- **Sickle Cell Through My Eyes, Art Our Way** An arts expression program for school-aged clients held during the month of June.
- **Aireus J. Taylor Scholarship** An academic scholarship for graduating high school students with sickle cell that are planning to attend a college, university, or trade school. The criteria have been established by the Board of Directors. This scholarship will be an annual award. **Scholarship applications for May award are due on the second Monday in April.**

Service Area

The Baton Rouge Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation serves 11 parishes, which include Ascension, Assumption, East and West Baton Rouge, East and West Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Point Coupee, Ste. Helena, Tangipahoa and Greater New Orleans.

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