



VIEWS FROM JACKSON STREET

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Everyone should want to be loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle and have self control. That is what real spiritual growth sounds like.



**Gubernatorial Candidate
Katie Hobbs**

Meets with Arizona Commission on African American Affairs, African American Christian Clergy Coalition and African American Reconstruction LLC





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THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATIONS

There has been confusion and misunderstandings about vaccines. But vaccinations are an important part of family and public health. Vaccines prevent the spread of contagious, dangerous, and deadly diseases. These include measles, polio, mumps, chicken pox, whooping cough, diphtheria, and HPV. A vaccine (or immunization) is a way to build your body's natural immunity to a disease before you get sick. This keeps you from getting and spreading the disease. For most vaccines, a weakened form of the disease germ is injected into your body. This is usually done with a shot in the leg or arm. Your body detects the invading germs (antigens) and produces antibodies to fight them. Those antibodies then stay in your body for a long time. In many cases, they stay for the rest of your life. If you're ever exposed to the disease again, your body will fight it off without you ever getting the disease. Everyone needs vaccines. They are recommended for infants, children, teenagers, and adults. There are widely accepted immunization schedules available. They list what vaccines are needed, and at what age they should be given. Most vaccines are given to children. It's recommended they receive 14 different vaccines by their 6th birthday. Some of these come in a series of shots. Some vaccines are combined so they can be given together with fewer shots. Vaccines are safe. The benefits of their use far outweigh any risks of side effects.



This ribbon is to show your support for those battling Sickle Cell Disease, and those who were lost to us from this terrible disease.



SICKLE CELL DISEASE

FACTS AND STATS

WHAT?
Sickle cell disease (SCD) is an inherited blood disorder in which red blood cells may become sickle-shaped and harden. For a baby to be born with sickle cell disease, both parents must carry a sickle cell trait or genes for another hemoglobin like HbC, HbE or beta thalassemia. Sickle cell disease is not contagious, and there is no universal cure.

The Facts

- About **1 in 13** African Americans carry the sickle cell trait, and many do not know they have it.
- An estimated **100,000** people in the U.S. have SCD.
- Approximately **2,000** babies are born with SCD annually in the U.S.
- On average, diagnosis is made at **birth**.
- People of many ethnic **backgrounds** can have SCD.
- Latinos have the **second** most common incidence in the U.S.

The blockage of blood flow caused by sickled cells leads to complications including:


• Chronic severe and unpredictable pain	• Vision problems/blindness
• Anemia	• Lung tissue damage
• Frequent infections	• Kidney disease
• Swelling in extremities	• Stroke
• Fatigue	• Shortened life expectancy
• Delayed growth	• Damage to hip joint

WHERE?
• Sickle cell disease is a global health problem.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Donate blood to support transfusions.
- Advocate for better treatment, education and research.
- Educate others about sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait.
- Get tested for sickle cell trait if you are of African descent and do not know your status.
- Support SCDA as we search for a universal cure.

Learn more: www.sicklecelldisease.org



SICKLE CELL DISEASE

STAYING WELL

HOW?
People with SCD can live full lives by being proactive in their care. Here are some tips to help you or someone you know with SCD stay as healthy as possible.

Staying healthy with sickle cell disease involves:

- Pain management
- Preventing infections from common illnesses such as the flu
- Self-care including eating well, exercising and staying hydrated
- Medications to reduce the severity of sickle cell disease
- Regular preventive care including vaccinations and health and dental check ups
- Quality medical care from doctors and nurses who are educated about SCD
- Building a support system of friends and family
- Connecting with a patient support group or a community-based SCD organization for information and assistance

TREATMENT OPTIONS

- **Over-the-counter pain relievers** are commonly used to treat chronic pain.
- **Hydroxyurea (Siklos, Droxia) and Oxbritya (Voxelotor)** are prescribed medications that can decrease some complications of SCD.
- **Endari (Glutamine) and Adakveo (Crizanlizumab)** are prescribed medications that can reduce the number of sickle cell pain crises.
- **Blood transfusions** can help relieve symptoms of SCD and potentially prevent complications.

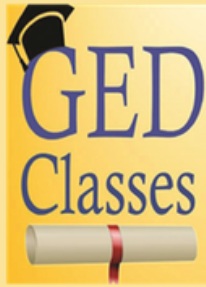
SCREENING TESTS

- **Newborn screening** can help identify SCD and expedite early management and treatment.
- **Adult screening** can help identify if someone has SCD or is a carrier for the SCD trait.
- **Sickle stroke screening**, also known as **Transcranial Doppler (TCD) screening**, can help identify people with brain abnormalities as a result of SCD who are at high risk for ischemic stroke and brain injury.
- **Organ screening** can help identify damage to organs such as the kidney, eye and heart.

THE SEARCH FOR A CURE...
Bone marrow (stem cell) transplants can, in some cases, cure sickle cell disease, but not all individuals are eligible for this procedure, and there are associated risks. Read more about this NIH initiative: www.curesickle.org

This information is for educational purposes only and does not serve as medical advice or as an endorsement by SCDA. Talk to your doctor about the screenings and treatments that may be right for you.

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Available Now
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00am - 12:00pm

The Stay in School initiative is intended to improve high school graduation rates for students. The GED program will help prepare students for success through high school level education and better their graduation as well as future career success. 96% of the students who take the GED test have been successful due to this course. Full scholarships are available for dedicated students. Come into the office to fill out an application and register for this class.

The mission of the Arizona Opportunities Industrialization Center through Sullivan's Place is to assist veterans and their families in attaining self-sufficiency through the provision of dignified housing and supportive services.


To accommodate the diverse veteran population in the Phoenix area, two houses are designed for four single males, one house for four single females, and one house for a married, four-person family. Occupants of Sullivan's Place will also benefit from access to mentoring programs, skills training, and job placement services to help them better attain sustainable self-sufficiency

COMING SOON

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FOR K-8 LEARNERS**

The GAP (Greater Academic Performance) Academy creating young scholars one student at a time.




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We value our partnerships with organizations of many different backgrounds. Send us your information by contacting us.

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