Sickle Cell Disease Association of America arrives at 50th anniversary

Organization has a new leader; mission remains

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Sickle Cell disease is one of the most damaging of all genetic disorders. It affects about 100,000 Americans — about 300,000 globally — and makes it difficult for people who have the disease to lead healthy lives. But this year marks 50 years since the formation of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDA). The organization has led the fight for equal treatment, including in local communities, for decades. To celebrate, The Baltimore Sun spoke with the organization’s current leader and founder, Raquel Coombs, and other leaders who have fought at the forefront of the disease.

SCDA’s mission is to promote the health and well-being of people with sickle cell disease, including those with sickle cell trait, provide research and information, and expose the public to the challenges and concerns of the disease.

Today, the SCDA is a national, non-profit organization that provides educational resources, advocacy, and support to people with sickle cell disease. They offer resources for patients, caregivers, and healthcare providers. They also provide research and information on sickle cell disease and advocate for policies that improve outcomes for people with the disease.

The SCDA has been a driving force in the fight against sickle cell disease for nearly 50 years. They continue to work towards increased access to quality healthcare, improved outcomes for patients, and greater awareness of the disease. They are committed to ensuring that people with sickle cell disease have the tools and resources they need to lead healthy lives.

For more information on the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, visit their website at www.sicklecell.org.