



**KAI KARES**  
A THANKSGIVING INITIATIVE

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF **KAI O'NEAL THOMAS**

03/15/2002 - 04/05/2024

The MTS Sickle Cell Foundation, in a bittersweet collaboration with the family of Fallen Warrior Queen, Kai O'Neal Thomas, is pleased to announce **Kai Kares**, a Thanksgiving initiative to support families impacted by Sickle Cell Disease.

**Through this initiative, five \$100.00 mini grants will be awarded to help five SCD families afford Thanksgiving meals this year.**

Kai O'Neal Thomas was born on March 15, 2002. She spent most of her life residing in Albany, Georgia, after her family relocated there during her early childhood. She attended and graduated from Westover High School with the graduating class of 2019.

Although her profession was centered around caring for children, Kai's main passion was food and seeing others enjoy what she served up. She would plan meals for the week and then send her mom the list to pick up from the store. She even had a small business, Bitez of Komfort by Kai, that consisted of baked goods and comfort dishes such as Shrimp Alfredo with homemade alfredo sauce.

Kai fought a lifelong, 22 year battle with Sickle Cell Anemia and on April 5, 2024, her days on the battlefield as a true warrior were over. She left many memories, gifts, and recipes with us to remember her by, therefore, we believe this effort is befitting.

If you are a family living in the United States who is impacted by Sickle Cell Disease and could use some financial assistance to help you afford food for Thanksgiving, please scan the QR code below or visit our website to apply at

[www.mythreesicklers.org/kai-kares](http://www.mythreesicklers.org/kai-kares)

