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### MTS SICKLE CELL FOUNDATION HOSTS ITS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BREAKFAST TO SUPPORT FAMILIES IMPACTED BY SICKLE CELL DISEASE

**Hampton, GA** – MTS Sickle Cell Foundation, Inc. is proud to join forces with its business and community partners to host its 8th Annual Holiday Breakfast as part of its yearly efforts of raising awareness, support, and sensitivity surrounding Sickle Cell Disease (SCD), a genetic blood disorder that affects about 100,000 Americans, roughly 14,000 of whom are residents of Georgia.

The socio-economic effects of SCD causes a lot of stress on families, many of whom struggle to provide toys for their children during the holiday season. To meet the needs of these families, the event features breakfast, beautiful holiday music, photos with Santa, over 5000 toys distributed to SCD patients and their siblings in the last 8 years, and more.

"The Foundation's Holiday Breakfast has become an important annual event to bring much needed support to the sickle cell community and I am very grateful for the support of our partners, volunteers, family and friends who make this possible every year," said Mapillar Dahn, Founder/CEO of MTS Sickle Cell Foundation.

The event will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Flint River Community Center, located at 153 Flint River Road, Riverdale GA 30274.

#### About MTS Sickle Cell Foundation, Inc.

Inspired by her three daughters who battle sickle cell disease, Mapillar Dahn founded MTS Sickle Cell Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization, to bring awareness to sickle cell disease and provide support to families affected by SCD. Since its inception in November of 2015, the foundation has provided financial support to Sickle Cell families all across the United States to prevent homelessness and loss of vital utilities, supported families with bereavement expenses, provided academic scholarships, sponsored over 100 children battling sickle cell disease to a week-long summer camp, hosts its annual kickball tournament to bring awareness to sickle cell disease, provides educational material for awareness events, provides parking passes and food vouchers for sickle cell families at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, attends health fairs to raise awareness, support, and sensitivity surrounding Sickle Cell Disease, hosts its annual holiday breakfast and toys giveaway, and more.

She currently serves as a Member of The American Society of Hematology (ASH) Research Collaborative Patient Engagement & Education Subcommittee, a Member of The Georgia Health Policy Center's Sickle Cell Disease Advisory Committee and EveryLife Foundation's Community Congress.



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## **DECEMBER 21, 2024**

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