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Press Release

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2.5 MILLION AMERICANS HAVE SICKLE CELL TRAIT

Baltimore, MD. They can pass the disease on to their offspring if they have children with someone who also carries the trait. When both parents have the sickle cell trait, each child has a 50% chance of having sickle cell disease. However, individuals who carry the sickle cell trait do not have, and will never have, the disease.

That's why it is critically important that individuals get tested for sickle cell trait. That is the only way the couple can make informed family planning decisions. It is only recent that babies are being screened for sickle cell trait and disease. This is a consequence of continued growth and support of awareness and education about the disease.

There is not much information available about sickle trait, which calls for more research about the impact the trait has on the health of individuals.

September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month, and on Saturday, September 15, The William E. Proudford Sickle Cell Fund will hold its 2nd annual fundraiser in Baltimore. Oprah Winfrey Show regular contributor, "Dr. Robin" Smith will deliver the keynote address. The event will honor Dr. Sophie Lanzkron of the Sickle Cell Center for Adults at Johns Hopkins and Ms. Jean R. Wadman, Advanced Nurse Practitioner in the Sickle Cell Program at the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support sickle cell programs in the Mid-Atlantic region.

When: Saturday, September 15th

Where: Renaissance Harborplace Hotel
Baltimore, Maryland

Time: 6:00 PM

Cost: \$60 per person - General reception;
\$125 per person - VIP reception

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Tickets: On sale now; may be purchased via
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The William E. Proudford Sickle Cell Fund is a 501(c)
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is to promote treatment, research and education about
sickle cell disease.

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