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## Dear Supporter/Patron:

On Saturday, March 31, 2012 the Sickle Cell/Thalassemia Patients Network ("SCTPN") will host its 19th Annual White Diamonds Dinner and Dance Benefit at The Grand Prospect Hall, Brooklyn, NY. At this time we will honor those who continuously work to improve the quality of life for those living with sickle cell disease. SCTPN will present awards to the following recipients:

#### **Distinguished Service Award**

Herold Duroseau, MD
Chief of Pediatric Hematology
Interfaith Medical Center &
Pediatric Hematologist at
New York Methodist Hospital

# **Outstanding Service Award**

Greta M. Rainsford, MD, FAAP Mercy Medical Center Winthrop University Hospital

### **Distinguished Service Award**

Samir K. Ballas, MD
Pain Management Specialist
Cardeza Foundation

#### **Community Service Award**

Council Member Darlene Mealy District 41 Bklyn, New York

This event is also a fundraiser. The monies derived from it fund the organization's scholarship program, outreach program and pay down some operating expenses. Your participation and support will contribute to the success of the event.

SCTPN expresses its appreciation to medical professionals who are dedicated and committed to treating Sickle Cell Disease and Thalassemia; corporations who contribute to our cause, the healthcare, education, and public service communities and private citizens who give time and resources because they recognize the overall impact of these debilitating conditions. The organization further extends its gratitude to and acknowledges the collaborative efforts of other community-based non-for-profit and civic organizations that have made a commitment to assist those affected by sickle cell disease.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, March 31, 2012 as we pay tribute to this year's honorees. It is with great pride that we honor them for their dedication and compassion but most of all for improving the quality of life for those suffering from Sickle Cell Disease and Thalassemia.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

Very truly yours,

Agustina L. Stephen
Dinner Benefit Committee Chair

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