

The Healing Tree SCD

originated from hospital-based qualitative research where families were asked to name their biggest challenge in living with SCD.

To respond to these challenges, we built a network of volunteers from faith- and community-based organizations who provide services, available at no charge, to help ease the journey and improve health outcomes from this chronic disease.



Consent to come under the care of The Healing Tree is required before any services are discussed. A one-page consent form is available on our website at healingtreescd.org and may be obtained from any collaborating provider. Completion of a short intake form will be required for each service a patient or family wishes to receive.

For more information, or for a presentation at your institution or organization on how to support or receive our services, please contact Rev. Pat Weikart, pat@healingtreescd.org, or text or call 856-430-4441.



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A non-profit organization dedicated to building relationships among healthcare providers, patients, and faith- and community-based organizations to place essential resources in the hands of patients and families so that they may fully care for themselves as they manage Sickle Cell Disease (SCD).

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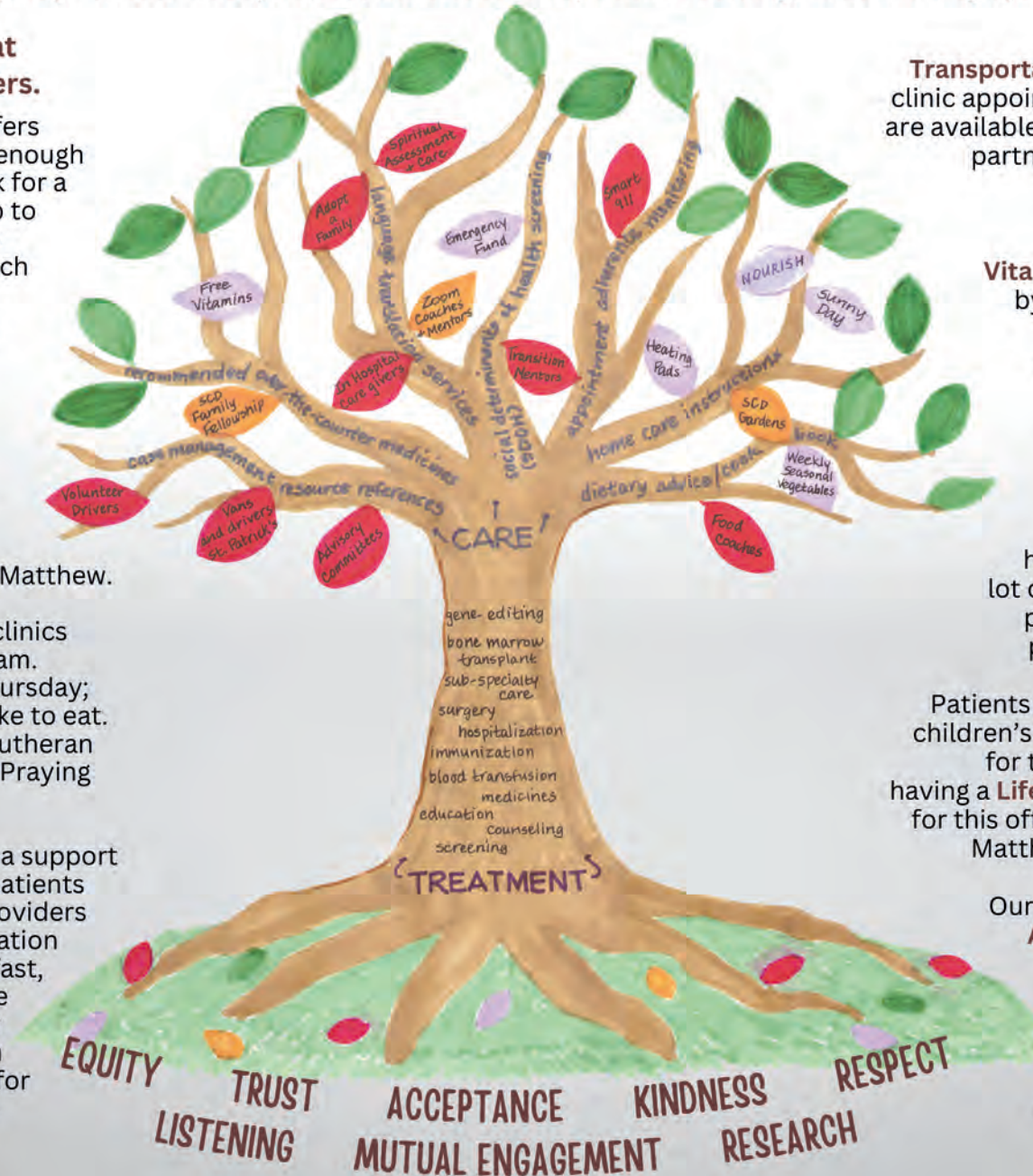
grows in soil rich in equity, trust, acceptance, kindness, respect, listening, mutual engagement, and research.

These are the services that The Healing Tree SCD offers.

The **Nourish** food program offers medically-tailored groceries, enough to provide ten meals per week for a patient and their family for up to six months. This program also offers each family a Food Coach to ensure that families have the cooking equipment, food storage and skills to prepare their food. Feedback, in the form of a survey, from participating families is requested every four to six weeks. Our Nourish partners are Lutheran Community Services and the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew.

Fresh produce is available in clinics through the **Sunny Day** program. Produce is delivered every Thursday; you choose what you would like to eat. Our Sunny Day partners are Lutheran Community Services and The Praying Ground.

The **SCD Family Fellowship** is a support and awareness group where patients and families can meet with providers to exchange ideas and information on best care practices. Breakfast, box lunches, and childcare are provided during the quarterly meetings, which take place on Saturday mornings. Our host for this group is the Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church.



Transportation assistance to and from clinic appointments and free bus passes are available. Our current transportation partner is the St. Patrick's Center; we are growing our list of volunteer drivers.

Vitamins are not always covered by insurance. You can request free vitamins from your provider, who will complete a short prescription that will allow you to pick up your vitamins from the hospital pharmacy.

If you have had multiple hospitalizations and missed a lot of school, or if you need help preparing to start school, our partners can provide a **tutor**.

Patients who are transitioning from a children's hospital to an adult hospital for their care might benefit from having a **Life Skills Mentor**. Our partners for this offering are Saints Andrew and Matthew and Bethel AME Church.

Our **Vocational and Educational Assistance** program can help if you've been accepted to college, a vocational training program, or other opportunity to grow and learn, and need specialized equipment to excel in your program.