

## **LOS ANGELES 10 MILE RUN FOR AWARENESS FOR DIPG AND CHILDHOOD CANCER**

*Janet Demeter, Feb. 27, 2015*

**Feb. 27, 2015, Santa Clarita, CA**— At 10am in Los Angeles on Saturday, February 28, the run for a National DIPG Awareness Day begins at Mattel Children’s Hospital in Westwood Plaza, proceeds for 10 miles up the Sunset Strip to finish at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. The run is dedicated to running-back Adrian Peterson’s son AJ, and Nathan Street of Bakersfield, CA, who both died on Feb. 17 of DIPG, a pediatric brain tumor with no survivors. Some 100 more DIPG angels will be represented with ribbons of their favorite colors. “So many dying DIPG children have come forth in the news recently, most notably Lauren Hill, 19, of OHIO, who played her first intercollegiate basketball game early, yet all that seems to stick is “rare brain cancer” and DIPG is quickly forgotten, still being relatively unknown to the public,” says Janet Demeter of Agua Dulce CA, who lost her son Jack to DIPG in 2012. “Although DIPG is responsible for most of the pediatric brain tumor deaths each year, and is responsible for thousands of deaths cumulatively, it is marginalized as rare and so undeserving of research funding along with ALL other childhood cancers. Only 4% of our National Budget for cancer research benefits children’s cancer as a whole.” Demeter hopes to get attention for a simple White House Petition calling for the declaration of a National DIPG Awareness Day for 2015, in its last day of signatures, and bring hope to those currently suffering from the disease. The State of California Assembly declared a DIPG Awareness Week, May 25-31, in light of Demeter’s work with Jack’s Angels Foundation in raising awareness for DIPG. For more information about DIPG, the run, and the petition, visit [www.jacksangels.org](http://www.jacksangels.org), or call 661-977-3125.