

Jack's Angels Foundation

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NEWSLETTER July 2015

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8/30 "Jack-Jack Memorial DIPG Awareness Run" Santa Clarita, CA

9/5 **10th Annual Gloria Davis Memorial Golf Tournament**

9/12 Sacramento!--California "Kids Ride Nationwide for Childhood Cancer"

9/19 "Agua Dulce Country Fair" PARADE **9/16-21 Jack Goes to Washington DC!**

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Open Board Meeting Aug. 9 p. 3

**July 30 is
Yellow
Balloon
Day !!**

Contact us
for updates
on the
JETHAWKS
baseball
game tickets
for August—
supports
Jack's Angels!



Madeleine Krestul,
Star Volunteer

Early October!

Rummage/Bake Sale
w/*Agua Dulce Royal Court*

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Research News

**Jack's Angels goes
to Washington 2015**

**Santa Colorita 2016
includes the Skip for Jack**

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WEBSITE UPDATES FOR AUGUST

- This year's 1st ever "Skip for Jack!", Feb. 14 2015
- 3rd Annual Art for Jack Music and Art Festival for Children
- 3rd Annual Powderpuff Football Game with Vasquez High School
- The "Angel Awards" and our amazing donors and volunteers
 - The Mod Hatters of Acton and the DIPG Research fund at Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Jack's Angels Foundation for DIPG Awareness, Research, and Support

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-Jack's Angels mission-

...is to raise awareness for DIPG and pediatric brain cancer, support the afflicted, and support DIPG-specific research. We are a volunteer-powered 501 (c)3 Charitable Organization, and we raise awareness with advocacy and activism for children with DIPG, and our fundraising events for research. We support the arts and education for children locally with our annual "Art for Jack" Music and Art Festival, which benefits DIPG research locally. Our initiative opened the DIPG Research Fund at Children's Hospital Los Angeles in 2013, our local children's research institution. We are planning, with more success in fundraising, to support the DIPG Collaborative and other research initiatives worldwide for DIPG. Project Angel Box offers comfort for DIPG children and families.

Why DIPG?

Brain cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death in children, and DIPG is responsible for 80% of pediatric brain tumor deaths annually in the U.S., has no survivors, nor any progress to that effect in over 35 years. Pediatric brain cancer is one of the least-funded areas of cancer research; **only 4% of the National Budget for Cancer Research** benefits childhood cancer as a whole. We believe that no parent in the United States should ever be told that there have been no therapies developed for their child because "the numbers" aren't great enough for research investors.

We have found a need and an injustice that is widespread in the world, which has remained relatively silent for decades; the lack of funding for research for our children, in a society that, by law, values quick returns on investment profits—even with our taxpayer dollars!—before the needs of our children. We ask the public to help, upon gaining this awareness, let our Government know that we want our children's lives to be a National Priority. Our representatives in Congress and the White House, as well as the National Cancer Institute need to know without a doubt that we disapprove of the 4% number. Nothing changes without awareness, and action taken on that awareness.



Skip for Jack 2/14/2015



Project Angel Box

We send art supplies, movies, handcrafted angels and other treats in a carefully packed box to DIPG children and their families. While solutions to DIPG's invariably terminal nature may be some time away, art is a way in which families can enjoy quality time with their child and a legacy of love. We find it absolutely necessary to share love and support in this way. For more information, please request a brochure or visit www.jacksangels.org.



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July / August Lancaster Jethawks Baseball

For FRIDAY AUGUST 28th, we will have tickets available for an evening of great baseball and awesome fireworks beginning 7/31 for only \$10! Please call 661-977-3125 to arrange getting yours, or email us at jacksangels1@gmail.com.



Planning Meetings are underway!



Santa COLORITA Run 5K Fun Run

Santa Colorita Planning Committee meets **Tuesday July 28 from 4pm-5pm** at the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce, on Turney Rd. in Santa Clarita, right off of Magic Mountain Pkwy. If you would like to help us plan this event, or volunteer in any way, you are welcome to join us! In 2016, the SKIP FOR JACK will be an integral part of the event, so that helping in any aspect of the event, volunteering, finding sponsors, etc...will benefit us all. 2016 Fun Run is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 14 2016 at the Castaic Lake Recreation Center.



YELLOW BALLOON DAY

Join us on Thursday, July 30 5-7pm for cake and yellow balloons as those who love Jack come together to honor the day he walked into Heaven.

RSVP please to Janet and Barry at 661-977-3125. The party is at our home in Agua Dulce.



Board Meeting Sunday 8/9 1-3pm

At Santa Clarita Center for Spiritual Living, 18364 Soledad Canyon Rd, Santa Clarita, CA 91387. All are welcome, potluck lunch! Agenda includes: Activity and Financial Review, Brainstorming Session for 2016 events. Seeking event planning, fundraising, and volunteer management help. We'll discuss also the DIPG Research Fund and growing relationships with other local charities. September is an exciting month for Jack's Angels locally, at our parade in Agua Dulce, but also in Sacramento and Washington D.C.!

Heralding Childhood Cancer Awareness Month!

Sunday, Aug. 30, 12pm, DIPG Awareness Run in Santa Clarita



2015 Jack-Jack
Memorial Run for
DIPG Awareness



This marks the beginning of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and Jack's Angels support of the National Movement to "Go GOLD!"—encouraging ALL to ask every State Capitol, the US Capitol, White House, City Buildings, to use gold/yellow floodlights in support of the urgent need for more funding for the #1 killer disease of our kids today, cancer.

Of them all, brain cancer takes the most lives;

DIPG claims 80% pediatric brain tumor deaths each year, with no survivors nor any progress in over 35 years. It's time to make our children's lives a National Priority.

Help us by communicating with your representatives in all levels of government to let them know what OUR priorities are, and that our kids deserve more than 4% of the National Budget for Cancer Research. Go GOLD!

September / October Events! p. 4

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10th Annual Gloria Davis Memorial Golf Tournament

Crystalaire Country Club, Llano, CA

Supports DIPG Research Fund at CHLA! flyer with details next page!

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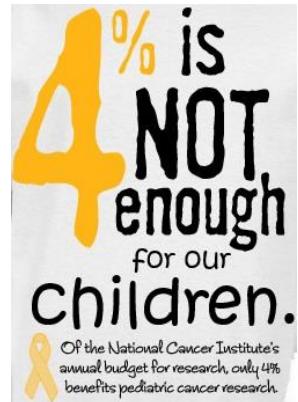
Sacramento, CA!—CA “Kids Ride Nationwide for Childhood Cancer”

We are going!—or visit the PAGE on FACEBOOK. The event is from 9am-9pm at the CA State Capitol Building, as people gather all over the USA at their State Capitols to promote Childhood Cancer Awareness, and to encourage all buildings to “Go GOLD!” for children everywhere with cancer.

Call Janet at 661-977-3125, jacksangels1@gmail.com.



Jack's Angels
is hosting an
AWARENESS RUN
FOR DIPG around
Sacramento that day in
support of a National
DIPG Awareness DAY,
10am at the Capitol.



9/19

Agua Dulce Country Fair Parade! Calling volunteers!

Come have some fun with us as ANGELS throwing candy and help raise awareness for DIPG!

There will be a decorating rehearsal for volunteers Monday, 9/14, 6:30-7:30pm

so that the adults helping know how to put the flowers and banners on the truck, and work the music system.
@32520 Wagon Wheel Rd. in Agua Dulce 91390



IN WASHINGTON D.C. 9/16-21

9/16-18 appointments with Representatives promoting a National DIPG Awareness Day, 9/21 return to LA

9/18 DIPG Awareness Run, details TBA at www.jacksangels.org

9/19 Congressional Caucus for Childhood Cancer Awareness Summit

9am, Capitol Building Guest Reception Area—We have a representative attending!!

**9/20 CUREFEST 2015 on the NATIONAL MALL
RUN for the WHITE HOUSE for Childhood Cancer Awareness**

OCTOBER RUMMAGE / BAKE SALE with the Agua Dulce Royal Court

Date to be announced, tentatively Saturday, Oct. 17 in Agua Dulce

THE MOD HATTERS PROUDLY PRESENT
**THE 10th ANNUAL GLORIA DAVIS
 MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**
 "Golfing for Children's Hospital Los Angeles"

AUCTION
 RAFFLE PRIZES



'HOLE IN ONE CONTEST'
 WIN A 2015
 HONDA ACCORD SPORT
 DONATED BY HONDA
 OF THOUSAND OAKS
 RESTRICTIONS APPLY

→ Event benefits the "for JACK" DIPG Research Fund at CHLA!!

All proceeds benefit Children's Hospital Los Angeles

CRYSTAL AIRE COUNTRY CLUB

15701 Boca Raton in Llano, Ca

Sign in: 10:00 AM

Shotgun start: 12:00 noon

Saturday, September 5, 2015

Registration includes green fees, golf cart, range balls, gift bag, snack and barbecue tri-tip dinner

Take advantage of early bird sign up!!

Sign up before July 31st-\$135.00 single player.

After July 31st-\$145.00 single player

BBQ only dinner tickets-\$40.00 Dinner service at 6:00pm

ALL ENTRY FEES AND DINNER TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY SEPT. 1ST

To register contact, Lisa at 661-435-9343 or Nicki at 661-609-6408

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The Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce Planning Committee for the Santa Colorita 5k Fun Run has decided to keep the "Skip for Jack!" for 2016, making it a more integral part of the event. "The kids had a lot of fun and I think we could bring more to the event for



families in our community by expanding this portion of it," committee officers decided. The Planning Committee invites community members to serve with us, as Jack's Angels volunteers helped with last years event as well on the Skip and Volunteer Subcommittees, chaired by Janet Demeter and Karla Monterrosa (with the City of Santa Clarita's Economic Division), respectively. Contact Chris Donald, Event Chairman for the SCV Chamber, at 661-702-6977, or www.scvchamber.org.

Jack Goes to Washington 2016

This year, Jack's Angels President will go to Washington DC for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to promote DIPG Awareness for our ongoing campaign for a National DIPG Awareness Day. She will attend CureFest 2015 and also several appointments with representatives for the campaign. A DIPG Awareness Run is planned also for 9/18 on a circuitous route from the Capitol to the White House. Details will be updated on our website by August 15.



Janet Demeter 9/18/2014 ----->

The Congressional Caucus for Childhood Cancer SUMMIT 9/19 at 9am at the US Capitol's Visitor Center will of course have our DIPG Activist in attendance, and a full report will follow the occasion at jacksangels.org.

Research News

Exciting frontiers are opening up here in the United States, in the United Kingdom, and around the world for DIPG research. "Frontiers in Oncology", written in collaboration by Mark Keiran of Boston Children's Hospital, Andres Morales of Hospital Sant Joan de Deu in Barcelona Spain, and Rintare Hashizume of Northwestern University, reviews possible strategies for research and treatment for the near future due to new findings about the actual nature of the tumor, research for which is still urgently needed. In the UK, a promising therapy which removes necrotic tissue from the brainstem to possibly allow more quality time for the patient is underway and seeking funding. Dr. Michelle Monje at Stanford University is also on the forefront of new research, as are a handful of other DIPG crusaders in the US and around the world.

Activism/Advocacy for our Kids—Please Read our Petition, Sign, and SHARE!

We're continuing our work in communicating with our representatives in government and rallying for a National Day for DIPG. DIPG represents the hopelessness of cancer as well as the marginalization of every childhood cancer as "rare" and thus undeserving of research funding. We must not allow this to continue as it has in the last few decades. Help us share our petition at:

-----> www.credomobilize.com/p/DIPG





First Ever “Skip for Jack!” at the Santa Colorita 5k Fun Run is a success in raising awareness for DIPG and also for fun for the Skippers! From what we learned this year we will make it a memorable event in 2016. Our amazing volunteers made it happen!



Art for Jack #3 an Artistic and Musical Success



We will meet in September to plan Art for Jack 2016, with promotional materials to share early for finding sponsors for the next event, and inviting performers early on, as well as planning our workshops. The event is slated for Sunday, May 1, 2016 in Santa Clarita.

With an unparalleled program of exceptional young artists playing, Lalo, Paganini, Mozart, and much more, the audience enjoyed virtuosic violin, piano, excerpts from “The Sound of Music” by Santa Clarita’s incomparable Escape Theatre, avant-garde music from A Horse, A Bucket, A Spoon, and the music of Teresa James(vocals, piano) and Jerry Peterson (saxophone). Local magician Jim Thomson stunned with his brilliance and humor, and artists were busy with workshops from Paula Bradley of Picasso’s Playmates, painting with Heidi Vaughn, and collage with Stefanie Schussler.

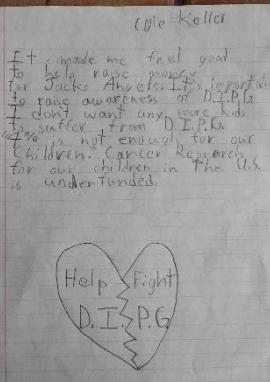


3rd Annual PowderPuff Football Game at Vasquez H.S. Acton 5/28/2015



Because of the dedication of this school and their generous contributions, Jack’s Angels continues on its mission. The tradition that began within a year of Jack’s passing prevails!

Extraordinary kds:



The Angel Awards

The Angel Awards signify our deepest appreciation for those volunteers who’s contributions have ensured the survival of Jack’s Angels organization and mission. All of our volunteers have been indispensable. Indeed, Jack’s Angels is named for all those volunteers. You are all Jack’s Angels! This event will be recorded in an article under the NEWS section at www.jacksangels.org by 8/15/15. The Awards Ceremony this year took place at half-time of the Powderpuff Football Game.



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Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma