



# The 2nd Annual Josh's Jog

## HELPING THOSE WHO ARE SHARING THE SAME JOURNEY

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As a teenager and Junior at Davie High School in Mocksville, NC, Josh Rominger was enjoying life until in December 2011 he and his family got the news that he had been diagnosed with synovial cell sarcoma, a rare form of soft tissue cancer, and the battle began. This young man and his family didn't fight this alone; their community of friends and family were by their side the entire way, with fundraisers, visits to the hospital and meals for the family. Now the Rominger family, without Josh who lost his battle on April 10th, 2013 will join with a community mourning the loss of Josh, but celebrating the life of one special young man, for The 2nd Annual Josh's Jog, a 5K event to raise money for the American Cancer Society.



### Paying It Forward

To say that the Rominger family has been touched by the community and all that has been done for them would be an understatement. "From bringing us meals when we were in the hospital, to visiting Josh, to creating fundraisers for Josh's medical fund, it has all meant so much! For all that has been done for my family, I wanted to give back in some way to others, while honoring Josh and all those who are still battling cancer, so I created Josh's Jog, 5K event, benefitting the American Cancer Society. Everyone has been so kind to us that we wanted to pay it forward," said Jennifer Rominger, Josh's sister. And pay it forward they

did with their first Josh's Jog in 2012...

"Last year we had around 300 participants and raised \$5,500, which was donated to the American Cancer Society, to fund research, programs for cancer patients and their families, etc. I felt so blessed to have such a great turnout since it was my first time ever planning an event like this. I hope this year to have even more participants and raise more money.

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Last year was kind of a test run, since I was new to planning such a large scale event, so hopefully this year things will go more smoothly since I know what to expect," Jennifer commented. Josh's Jog takes all levels of runners and walkers into consideration.

"This year Josh's Jog will be held on Saturday, June 1st, 2013 at Rich Park in Mocksville, NC. Those participants who wish to be timed will start at 9 am and those who are more into a fun run or walk, will be part of our Fun Run & Doggie Jog, following the timed runners," stated Jennifer.

Although Josh Rominger succumbed to his cancer this past April, the Romingers know there are many families who are traveling their path, on an uncertain journey. "Until his passing, Josh remained strong in his faith and trusted in God's plan," Jennifer said.

The family takes comfort in knowing that Josh is at rest. Josh's favorite scripture was Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me": Josh was laid to rest on April 13, which is 4/13.



**Josh's Jog will be on June 1st, 2013, at Rich Park in Mocksville, NC, from 9 a.m.–until.**

**For more information on Josh's Jog, visit [www.sites.google.com/site/jogforjosh](http://www.sites.google.com/site/jogforjosh).**

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