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Arlington Family Inspires 5K Fundraiser for Pediatric Brain Cancer

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Arlington, VA – In 2008, Arlington, VA native Alexis Agin was just a typical two-year-old girl; she loved all things pink and sparkly and always keeping her parents busy chasing after her. But after a routine trip to the doctor, Alexis was diagnosed with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), a pediatric brain cancer where 95% of children do not live a year past diagnosis. Alexis is still fighting more than two years later, unfortunately, her struggle continues to worsen and she is left without treatment options at this time.

Teaming up with the Cure Starts Now Foundation (CSN), the Agin family is now focused on raising funds and awareness for this lethal pediatric cancer by participating in the 2nd annual **National Race Against the Odds (NRATO)** on Sunday, November 7, 2010 at Bluemont Park in Arlington, VA. The race, which raised more than \$60,000 from its inaugural event in 2009, will create funding opportunities for experimental treatment research in children's hospitals and medical institutions. Some funds will also help cover the cost of Alexis's ever-growing medical bills.

"Treatment options for pediatric brain cancers like DIPG have not changed in over 30 years," explains Jonathan Agin, Alexis' father and organizer of the race. "Alexis has already tried four different treatments, but she is still waiting for something better. Just think about Alexis and her fight...all that she has endured. Think about all the children who never had a chance."

The 2nd Annual National Race Against the Odds begins at 9:00AM on Sunday morning. Onsite registration is \$35 for adults, and prizes will be awarded for the top male and female participants. Kids in attendance can enjoy a free Kid's Fun Run, scheduled to begin at 9:15AM. For full race information and registration details, visit www.raceagainsttheodds.com

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