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JENNA JOHNSON
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AIDS Project Los Angeles mourns the sudden death of Jenna Johnson, a volunteer of the National AIDS Marathon Training Program (NAMTP).

On Saturday morning, December 17, Jenna went into cardiac arrest near the midpoint of a 20-mile run that was part of her training for the Los Angeles Marathon in March. She later died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank. An employee of Warner Brothers, Jenna was just 22 years old.

Two other AIDS marathoners – a surgeon and a nurse – performed CPR on Jenna until paramedics arrived. The doctor who pronounced her dead after several hours at the hospital has speculated that Jenna likely had a heretofore unknown congenital heart problem.

The emergency contact information Jenna had provided included the name of local friends, who were summoned immediately by NAMTP staff. Police have notified Jenna's mother, who lives outside Chicago. This tragic accident represents the first fatality in six years of the Los Angeles program.

Volunteers who undertake this fundraising program enter a continuum of caring by committing to six months of training and raising money for people with HIV/AIDS. They also enter a continuum of loss that surrounds AIDS, and it is with piercing regret that we mark the death of another friend of this agency.

To Jenna's family, friends and co-workers, we extend our deepest condolences for a life cut staggeringly short. We hope they may take some small measure of comfort from knowing that Jenna died as a volunteer, giving of her time and spirit so that others might live fuller and healthier lives.