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Spring Sprint in Support of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada

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Chatham Area Brain Tumour Survivors & Families Raising Funds for Brain Tumour Research and Support

(Chatham, ON, May 4, 2011) Chatham area brain tumour patients, survivors, their family and friends are coming together on Saturday, May 7 for the annual Spring Sprint. The event is run by a dedicated group of local volunteers determined to improve the lives of those affected by a brain tumour. The Chatham event is part of the national effort by Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada to raise funds and awareness about brain tumours.

Ridgeview Moravian Public School in Ridgetown hosts this day of courage of hope where participants will take part in a 2.5 km and 5km walk/run. In addition to raising awareness about the 55,000 Canadians affected by a brain tumour, Spring Sprint raises funds for critical research into the cause of and better treatments for brain tumours. This includes research being conducted close to home in London at the University of Western Ontario and London Health Sciences Centre.

“The prospect for all of the research that will be conducted as a result of the funds raised is very exciting,” says Susan Marshall, Executive Director of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. “Our vision is to find a cure for brain tumours and to improve the quality of life for those affected and we all move closer to this reality with the efforts of Spring Sprint.”

Donations also support important education, information, and support for anyone affected by a brain tumour such as: the brain tumour support group; the BrainWAVE program - support for families with a child with a brain tumour; and education opportunities across Ontario and streamed online. Patient care is also improved with health care professional in-services and workshops at local treatment centres. These programs and services are run by Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada with the vision to find the cause of and cure for brain tumours while improving the quality of life for those affected. Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada was founded in London, ON in 1982.

Event: Spring Sprint for Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada
2.5km and 5km walk and run for walkers, joggers and runners.
Dates: Saturday, May 7, 2011: Registration opens at 10:00 am
Photo Opportunity: Walk/Run starts at: 11:00 a.m.
Location: Ridgeview Moravian Public School, 20473 Victoria Road, Ridgetown, ON, N0P 2C0
Register: www.springsprint.ca or 1 800 265 5106

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About Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada

There are an estimated 55,000 people in this country living with a brain tumour and 10,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, many of those are children. Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada provides information through a free, comprehensive Patient Resource Handbook, live and web-based annual education events, and support through a Canada-wide, toll-free 1-800 line, website (www.braintumour.ca), and 23 support groups that meet monthly across Canada. Brain tumour research is also supported through an annual grants-in-aid program and to date \$2.75 million has been directed to brain tumour research. Please visit Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's website at **www.braintumour.ca**.

Mission Statement

To reach every Canadian affected by a brain tumour through support, education, information and research.

Vision

To find the cause of and cure for brain tumours while improving the quality of life for those we serve.