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## Spring Sprint in Support of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada

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### **Victoria Brain Tumour Survivors Benefit from Annual Spring Sprint**

(Victoria, BC, May 19, 2011) Brain tumour patients, survivors, their family and friends are coming together on Saturday, May 28 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 Victoria event is part of the national effort by Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada to raise funds and awareness about brain tumours.

Funds raised go to support programs and services for brain tumour patients and their families. An example of these programs is the Lower Mainland BC BrainWAVE events program which offers support for families coping with a pediatric brain tumour. Four times a year, families come together from Victoria, Vancouver and the entire Lower Mainland area to connect and gain respite from the world of treatments and doctor visits. One of these families is the Huff family from Chilliwack, BC. Jacqueline Huff's son Quinlan was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2004 and today she is an instrumental part of BrainWAVE. "It's a really great support," she says of the program.

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre hosts this day of courage and hope where participants will gather to celebrate life and take part in a 3.5 km walk/run. In addition to raising awareness about the 55,000 Canadians affected by a brain tumour and funds for programs like BrainWAVE, Spring Sprint also leads to critical research into the cause of and better treatments for brain tumours. This includes research being conducted at the University of British Columbia and BC Children's Hospital.

"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."

To other families Jacqueline suggests, "Don't try and do it all by yourself. I think I would like to say to other families and parents that as hard as it is to reach out to strangers, please do it because there is so much support available through Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. Try and reach out for support where you can. I met so many people who have become friends."

On Saturday, May 28, brain tumour survivors along with their family and friends and hundreds of other people in Victoria, will join the thousands across Canada who will don their sneakers to participate in the annual Spring Sprint. This event is one of 21 occurring across Canada between mid-April and mid-June. The national goal is to raise \$1.5 million to reach every Canadian affected by a brain tumour with support, information, education and research. Each step is one step closer to imagining a cure.

People are invited to register online at [www.springsprint.ca](http://www.springsprint.ca) or by telephone at 1-800-265-5106.



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**Event: Spring Sprint for Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada**  
**3.5km walk and run for walkers, joggers and runners.**  
**Dates: Saturday, May 28, 2011: Check-in: 9:30 a.m. & Start: 10:30 a.m.**  
**Location: Cedar Hill Recreation Centre, Victoria, BC**  
**Register: [www.springsprint.ca](http://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](http://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. 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](http://www.braintumour.ca).