

## Twist of Fate Brings Two Brain Tumour Survivors Together

*Annual London Brain Tumour Walk Returns for its 26<sup>th</sup> Year*

LONDON, ON, May 30, 2019 – On Sunday, June 9, 2019, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada hosts its annual London Brain Tumour Walk for the 26<sup>th</sup> year. Joining this year's event are Abel and Erin Macias, two brain tumour survivors who were brought together through their same diagnosis.

"Survivors like Abel and Erin and their families are the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, and for 26 years we've had the privilege to walk with this incredible group of people affected by an often-devastating disease," says Susan Marshall, CEO.

To say the past decade has been an adventure for Abel and Erin is an understatement. The couple met in a Facebook support group for brain tumour survivors and it was their matching central neurocytoma diagnosis that helped the two connect. Previously, Abel lived in California but Erin calls London home. After chatting online for several years, Abel made the decision to move closer to be near his now wife and even timed his visits to line up with the local Brain Tumour Walk.

Today, the couple live in London together and continue to participate in the annual Walk event, saying it is a chance to not only raise important funds to find better treatments and a cure for the disease, but to also shine a light on the people affected by a brain tumour diagnosis. "It seems like brain tumour patients don't get the public attention they need and deserve – the brain is everything you are, it makes you, you," Abel explains. "Before we had our brain tumours, we hadn't heard about them either!" adds Erin.

**What:** London Brain Tumour Walk

**When:** Sunday, June 9, 2019

- Registration: 8:30am
- Survivor Photo: 9:45am
- Opening Ceremonies: 9:50am; Walk Begins: 10:00am

**Where:** Victoria Park, 509 Clarence Street

**About Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada:** Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is the only national charity offering information and support to patients affected by any kind of brain tumour – be it cancerous, non-malignant or metastases. The organization funds ground-breaking research across North America and, since 1982, has dedicated over \$7.2 million to finding a cure and improving treatment for brain tumour survivors. Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is funded solely through generous contributions from individuals, corporations, organizations, employee groups and special events like the Brain Tumour Walk events. Learn more at Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's website: [www.BrainTumour.ca](http://www.BrainTumour.ca).

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