

Annual Newfoundland Brain Tumour Walk Returns on June 23

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PARADISE, NL, June 7, 2019 – On Sunday, June 23, 2019, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada returns to Newfoundland for its annual Brain Tumour Walk at Rotary Paradise Community Centre. Joining this year's event is Erika Slaney, a brain tumour survivor who participates alongside her friends and family as team *Erika's Tumournators*.

Erika was 20 years old when she went to her doctor with severe migraines. When medication did little to relieve the painful headaches, her physician recommended a CT scan as a precautionary measure. What happened next shocked Erika: the scan found a tumour in her brain, a frightening diagnosis as her grandfather and great aunt both had brain tumours. It was not until weeks later that the young woman would learn the mass was non-malignant.

"Survivors, like Erika, and their families are the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, and we're so grateful for the privilege to walk with this incredible group of people affected by an often-devastating disease," says Susan Marshall, CEO.

Surgery removed the mass from Erika's brain and today she says she wants to let others know a diagnosis doesn't mean you have to deal with a brain tumour alone. Now 22 years old, Erika walks each year in the charity walk event and explains how inspiring and hopeful it is to connect with other young survivors. "It can feel like no one expects this for us, because we're so young. Last year there was one girl and she'd never met someone her age with a brain tumour, so it was nice to have someone like me at the Walk, too."

What: Newfoundland Brain Tumour Walk

When: Sunday, June 23, 2019

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

Where: Rotary Paradise Community Centre, 1 Sarah Davis Way (Paradise, NL)

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 \$6.9 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.

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