

Media Release

BRAIN TUMOUR WALK LACES UP IN GUELPH

The Guelph Spring Sprint is back on Sunday, May 24

Guelph, Ontario, May 13 2015 – For almost ten years, the Guelph Spring Sprint has brought together brain tumour patients, survivors, and their supporters to celebrate the strength of the 55,000 Canadians living with the disease. On Sunday, May 24th, the Guelph Spring Sprint returns for 2015 to the Guelph Arboretum, where almost 200 people are expected walk or fun-run in tribute to everyone affected by a brain tumour.

Carl Cadogan, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada CEO, says the event continues to provide a positive space for patients and survivors to meet and share their experiences, and for loved ones to commemorate the loss of family members to the disease. “Spring Sprint is about bringing hope to thousands of Canadian families. Communities like Guelph come together to reminisce about those who are facing or have faced a diagnosis, while also fundraising for the important research and specialized programs that support individuals living with a brain tumour.”

Since the first walk in 2007, the Guelph Spring Sprint has raised more than \$360,000 for Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. These dollars help fund essential research studies – like a Guelph-based project that examined how a protein can impact the communication pathways between brain cancer cells – and local programming like a monthly support group for patients and caregivers, and the Southwest Ontario chapter of the pediatric brain tumour program, BrainWAVE.

Guelph Spring Sprint

When: Sunday, May 24 2015; 8:30am Registration, 10:00am Start Time for Walk/Fun-Run
Where: Guelph Arboretum
Fundraising Goal: \$30,000

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About Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada offers hope to those affected through education and a national network of support programs. Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada also funds brain tumour research through annual grants, fellowships and research studentships. All activities are supported solely by the dedication and determination of donors – individuals, corporate sponsors and foundations. Since the organization’s founding in 1982, more than \$4 million has been directed to brain tumour research. Learn more at Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada’s website: www.BrainTumour.ca.

About the Spring Sprint – Why do we walk?

Every day, 27 Canadians learn they have a brain tumour. Right now, an estimated 55,000 Canadians live with this disease that can impair physical and mental ability and change personality or behaviour. Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada brings hope, education and support to everyone affected. By signing up and fundraising as part of a brain tumour walk, patients, survivors, family and friends join the nationwide movement to end brain tumours. Their efforts support the specialized programs and resources that empower patients to be their own best health care advocates and fund the ground-breaking research that will find a cure for the disease. Dates and details for events across Canada are available at

www.SpringSprint.ca.

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