

## **“He was able to get into the ambulance and woke up unable to walk”**

*Seven-year-old Chase Delisle joins fundraiser for Windsor brain tumour community*

**Windsor, Ontario, May 2, 2016** – Chase Delisle, 7, faces daily challenges from a brain tumour but you wouldn't know it. He roughhouses with his little brother and loves football and swimming. While the hope is that future treatment isn't needed, the possibility is always there for Chase. “That's why we decided as a family to support the Windsor Brain Tumour Walk. That one day if he does need another surgery, maybe there will be another option available that's less invasive,” explains Chase's mom, Chantelle.

Young Chase and his family were celebrating Thanksgiving 2013 when he complained of a headache and upset stomach. Chantelle didn't think too much of it as the other recent times Chase had mentioned feeling unwell, he always recovered quickly and was back to running around in no time. A trip to the pediatrician the next day was followed up with an MRI booked for November.

Weeks later, halfway through Chase's scan, an attendant came and notified Chantelle that a special dye was needed as part of the MRI. “I was surprised,” she remembers, “but it seemed like it was just a regular part of the appointment.” Once the scan was over, Chantelle and Chase waited for an update on the results. “That's when three people came into the room we were in and they took Chase away. That's when I knew something was wrong.”

**The next morning, after being rushed by ambulance to hospital, Chase, just five years old at the time, underwent a 14-hour operation to remove the large tumour near his brainstem.**

For two weeks Chantelle stayed in hospital with Chase, as he recovered from the surgery. “Can you imagine – we didn't even have the time to explain to Chase what was going on. He was able to get himself into the ambulance and woke up unable to walk. It was terrifying.” Chase suffered difficult side effects after the brain tumour surgery, and spent months in a wheelchair as he slowly regained his balance and motor functions. “Right now he's doing amazing though!” says Chantelle.

Today Chase and the entire Delisle family plan to take part in the annual Windsor Brain Tumour Walk, and say they are grateful for the inspiration and information they found through the event's charity, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. “We were given a copy of their Pediatric Brain Tumour Handbook while we were in the hospital. When we got home a couple weeks later, we went straight online to the Foundation's website where we read a lot of hero stories about families like us. It's so scary hearing the words 'your son has a brain tumour' but we actually found peace knowing there were survivor stories. It gave us hope,” adds Chantelle.

The 2016 Windsor Brain Tumour Walk will take place Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Riverside Sportsmen Club. Opening Ceremonies and Brain Tumour Survivor Recognition begin at 9:45am. Online registration ([link](#)) is encouraged; no entry fee to participate. The Windsor Brain Tumour Walk is family-friendly and non-competitive.



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### **About the Brain Tumour Walks**

Every day in Canada, 27 people are diagnosed with a brain tumour. That's 10,000 new diagnoses each year. 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 Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's specialized 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. For more than two decades, Brain Tumour Walks (formerly Spring Sprints) have been the community event to bring together thousands of Canadians in tribute to and in memory of people affected by a brain tumour. **For more information about the 20+ Brain Tumour Walks taking place across Canada in 2016, visit [www.BrainTumourWalk.ca](http://www.BrainTumourWalk.ca).**

### **About Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada**

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is the only national charity that offers information and support to patients affected by any kind of brain tumour – be it cancerous, non-malignant or metastases. The organization also funds research across North America and, since 1982, has dedicated more than \$4 million to finding a cure for the disease and improving treatment for brain tumour survivors. **Learn more at Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's website: [www.BrainTumour.ca](http://www.BrainTumour.ca).**

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