

Media Alert

**We believe that people affected by brain tumours should never walk alone.
This June in Belleville, they won't!**

Belleville, ON, June 6, 2017 – In this 35th Anniversary year, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada will be returning to Belleville for its 17th annual Brain Tumour Walk, a unique opportunity to celebrate survivors, honour and remember those who have passed away, and raise awareness about this devastating disease. Run by Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada and local volunteers, this event will raise money for programs, services, and life-changing research. The fundraising goal for Belleville's Brain Tumour Walk is \$25,000.

"Patients and families are the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. The Brain Tumour Walk will support all of the people in Belleville affected by a brain tumour diagnosis and we're so thrilled to see the excitement and support ramp up for this event," says CEO, Susan Marshall. "Together we make a real difference in the lives of those affected by brain tumours."

Media Availability/Photo Opportunity:

- **What:** A celebration of hope, perseverance, and the beauty of community that has been 35 years in the making!
- **Availability:** Liz Gyuk, survivor and Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada Ambassador
- **Where:** Zwick Centennial Park, 10 Bay Bridge Rd, Belleville ON
- **When:** Saturday, June 10, 2017: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- **Survivor Photo:** 9:45 am
- **Opening Ceremonies begin:** 9:50 am
- **Walk begins:** 10:00 am

About Liz Gyuk (Belleville Brain Tumour Walk Coordinator, brain tumour survivor):

For Liz Gyuk, giving back to the brain tumour community is "a no brainer." Diagnosed with a brain tumour at 41 years of age, Liz underwent two brain surgeries which had lasting repercussions. "A severed right auditory nerve and facial nerve truly brings home the phrase 'a face only a mother could love,' but my boys and my husband made a point of showing me that the changes to my face were not going to bother them!" Putting her endless optimism to great use, Liz now volunteers her time with Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, facilitating the Belleville Brain Tumour Support group and coordinating the Belleville Brain Tumour Walk. Together, they endeavour to bring hope to those who have been affected by a brain tumour diagnosis.

"What a privilege it is to be able to give back to Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada and the brain tumour community – they have given so much to us. Thankfully, with a wonderfully loyal family, caring friends, and helpful volunteers, the Belleville Brain Tumour Walk is always a great success in raising funds and awareness for those of us who have heard those words: you have a brain tumour." – Liz Gyuk

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To schedule an interview with Liz Gyuk or for further information about the 2017 Brain Tumour Walk events, please contact:

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