

Media Alert

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

Guelph, ON, May 1, 2017 – In this 35th Anniversary year, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada will be returning to Guelph for its 11th 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 Guelph's *Brain Tumour Walk* is \$35, 000.

"Patients and families are the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. The Brain Tumour Walk will support the hundreds of people in Guelph 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:** Brigitte Young, brain tumour survivor
- **Where:** University of Guelph Arboretum, College Ave E, Guelph ON
- **When:** Sunday, May 7, 2017: 8:30am-12:00pm
- **Survivor Photo:** 9:45am
- **Opening Ceremonies begin:** 9:50am
- **Walk begins:** 10:00am

About Brigitte Young (Brain tumour survivor):

The mother of four and a brain tumour survivor, Brigitte Young first heard the words "you have a brain tumour" in the year 2010. She celebrated her 40th birthday with surgery date number one. Since then, Brigitte has overcome three recurrences of her tumour, multiple surgeries, radiation treatment, medication, near-constant pain, and the growth of a second tumour; and yet, she continues on! Truly an example of perseverance and hope, Brigitte is proud to be a part of Guelph's 11th Annual Brain Tumour Walk.

"And so, the journey continues.... I am thrilled to be participating in the Brain Tumour Walk this year. I always kept quiet about my condition, but once I decided to do the Brain Tumour Walk and reached out to people to join us, *the support was amazing!*" said Brigitte Young.

We believe that no person affected by a brain tumour should walk alone, and this May, Brigitte won't!

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The 11th Annual Guelph Brain Tumour Walk is proudly supported by Magic 106 and 1460 CJOY.

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

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