

18th Annual Belleville Brain Tumour Walk

Nurses from Kingston hospital walking for their patients

BELLEVILLE, Ontario, June 18, 2018 – Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is excited to host a Brain Tumour Walk in Belleville on Saturday, June 23 in support of anyone affected by a brain tumour. This annual fundraiser brings hope to the estimated 55,000 Canadians living with a brain tumour and the dozens more who are diagnosed each day.

“Patients and families are the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada and we want them to know they are not alone. Together we walk to raise awareness about this often devastating disease and to let our community know we are to help,” says Susan Marshall, CEO.

With more than 120 types of tumours, they are complex and can be difficult to treat. Symptoms can range from hearing loss to hormonal problems. Brain tumours can also affect vision, memory, balance and mobility.

Melissa Meisner, a nurse at Kingston General Hospital, was seeing so many brain tumour patients from the Quinte area and so much suffering, she felt she needed to do something more to improve the lives and outcomes of her patients.

Meisner and her colleagues started Team Brainy Bunch five years ago, raising \$20,000 for Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. The team has been supported over the years by the entire neurosurgical and neurological care teams at Kingston hospital.

“Being a registered nurse in neurosciences is my passion but being involved in the process of supporting these patients beyond their hospital stay, that’s my purpose,” says Meisner. “For our Brainy Bunch team, the walk is more than donating our time and energy to help change lives, being part of this walk seems to be changing our lives one walk at a time.”

Funds raised at the Belleville Walk will support Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada’s specialized resources, support programs and research and education grants. The Walk brings hope to the hundreds of participants who will gather this weekend in Belleville.

What: Belleville Brain Tumour Walk

When: Saturday, June 23 (9:45 a.m. Survivor Photo, 9:50 a.m. Opening Ceremony, 10 a.m. Walk Start)

Where: Zwick Centennial Park, 10 Bay Bridge Rd, Belleville

About the Brain Tumour Walk events

By fundraising as part of a Brain Tumour Walk, patients, survivors, family and friends join the nationwide movement to end brain tumours. For more than two decades, Brain Tumour Walk events have been the community event to bring together thousands of Canadians in tribute to and in memory of people affected



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by a brain tumour. **For more information about the 20+ Brain Tumour Walk events taking place across Canada in 2018, visit www.BrainTumourWalk.ca.**

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 \$6.2 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. Learn more at Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's website: www.BrainTumour.ca.

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