

24th Annual Edmonton Brain Tumour Walk

Local woman continues her late husband's fight for a cure!

EDMONTON, AB, May 17, 2018 – Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is excited to host a Brain Tumour Walk in Edmonton on Saturday, May 26, 2018 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 dozens more who are diagnosed every 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.

Corinna Spaziani knows this all too well. The Edmonton mother of two cared for her husband Joe for 37 months before he died from the most aggressive brain tumour, known as glioblastoma multiforme. He was 40.

"I walk and continue to walk because Joe believed fully that having hope and believing a cure could be around the corner made it worth the battle," says Spaziani. "I walk now in memory of him and all the people we know that have passed from brain tumours... and I hope if we all continue to fight and keep walking together that we will have a cure one day."

Her husband received support from Brain Tumour Foundation and was one of the Top 3 fundraisers across Canada during his last Brain Tumour Walk in 2014. Their efforts support Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's specialized resources and support programs that empower and encourage patients and fund the ground-breaking research that will find a cure for the disease.

Two research projects are currently underway in Alberta, funded by Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada: the Canadian Brain Tumour Registry project led by Dr. Faith Davis and a brain tumour classification study by a University of Alberta PhD student.

What: Edmonton Brain Tumour Walk

When: Saturday, May 26, 2018 (9:45 am Survivor Photo, 9:50 am Opening Ceremony, 10 am Walk Start)

Where: Hawrelak Park, 9330 Groat Road

About the Brain Tumour Walks

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 Walks 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 2018, visit www.BrainTumourWalk.ca.**



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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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