

15th Annual Fredericton Brain Tumour Walk

Moncton sisters walk to bring hope to other children affected by a brain tumour

FREDERICTON, NB, May 17, 2018 – Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is excited to host a Brain Tumour Walk in Fredericton 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 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.

Mya Williamson knows this all too well. The 12-year-old Moncton girl was diagnosed with a brain tumour at age seven. Because of the location of her tumour, Mya has multiple hormone deficiencies and must take medication and injections daily.

Each year Mya, her little sister Brooke and family raise money for the Brain Tumour Walk in Fredericton. Mya sells homemade magnets, she calls Mya's Brave Stones, to support the organization and other children's charities.

"We are driven by her, and we just follow," says her dad Michael. "It makes her happy to help others and pass on the help we got along the way."

Their efforts and those of thousands of other participants 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.

What: Fredericton Brain Tumour Walk

When: May 26, 2018 (10:45 a.m. Survivor Photo, 11:00 a.m. Ceremony, 11:30 a.m. Walk Start)

Where: Hugh John Flemming Forestry Centre, 1350 Regent St., Fredericton

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.**

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



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